**Prompt**

*Vous êtes invité(e) à contribuer à un blog dédié à faire connaître et à protéger les richesses naturelles de notre planète.* On vous demande de présenter aux lecteurs un paysage ou un endroit naturel que vous trouvez particulièrement beau et important à préserver, mais qui est menacé par l’activité humaine. Vous pouvez choisir un endroit bien connu, n’importe où dans le monde, ou un coin de nature près de chez vous. Une forêt, un récif de corail, une rivière, un parc, une forêt tropicale, un champs de fleurs sauvages, une vallée..., c’est à vous de choisir l’endroit naturel que vous trouvez essentiel à protéger et de le faire apprécier aux autres.

Vous présenterez bien sûr une photo de cet endroit à l’en-tête de votre blog, et vous choisirez un bon titre pour attirer l’attention des lecteurs! Vous devez d’abord situer ce paysage/endroit dans le monde et le décrire pour ceux qui ne le connaissent pas. Expliquez pourquoi ils devraient le connaître et vous aider à le protéger. Vous expliquerez aussi son importance pour les gens qui le visitent ou qui vivent aux alentours.

Ensuite, décrivez les problèmes liés à l’activité humaine qui menacent la survie de ce paysage ou qui le mettent en danger de dégradation. Expliquez les raisons de ces problèmes, puis proposez des solutions qui pourraient arrêter ou ralentir les activités nuisibles à ce bel endroit et le protéger pour les générations futures. Vous essayerez de convaincre vos lecteurs de l’importance d’agir pour préserver ce paysage.

Si votre essai/blog est partagé sur Facebook, vous voudrez qu’il ait beaucoup de mentions “j’aime.” Cherchez donc à être claire, logique, intéressant(e), et convaincant(e).

**English**

Prompted (e) to contribute to a blog dedicated to raise awareness and protect the natural resources of our planet. You are asked to introduce readers to a landscape or a natural place that you find particularly beautiful and important to preserve, but is threatened by human activity. You can choose a well-known place, anywhere in the world, or a natural area near you. A forest, a coral reef, a river, a park, a tropical forest, a field of wildflowers, a valley ... it's up to you to choose the natural place you find essential to protect and the appreciation to others.

You will present course a picture of this place to the header of your blog, and you choose a good title to attract the attention of readers! You must first locate the landscape / place in the world and describe it for those who do not know him. Explain why they should know and help you protect it. You also explain its importance to the people who visit or live nearby.

Next, describe the problems related to human activities that threaten the survival of the landscape and that put him in danger of degradation. Explain the reasons for these problems and propose solutions that could stop or slow harmful activities this beautiful place and protect it for future generations. You try to convince your readers to the importance of action to preserve this landscape.

If your essay / blog is shared on Facebook, you want it to be a lot of words "I love." So look to be clear, logical, interesting (e), and convincing (e).

We Must Protect the Amazon Rainforest

The Amazon is one of the largest rainforests in the world, including over 5,500,000 square kilometers covered in trees of over 16,000 species. It covers over thirty percent of South America, with sixty percent of the rainforest located in Brazil, and the remainder located in Peru, Colombia, Venezuela, Ecuador, Bolivia, Guyana, Suriname, and French Guiana. Humans first settled the Amazon at least 11,200 years ago. Also, the rainforest is incredibly diverse. One of ten known species in the world lives in the Amazon rainforest, including over 40,000 plant species. This rainforest is a very important resource, and we need to protect it. Without the incredible diversity of the rainforest we will lose an incredible amount of knowledge about the natural world.

Humans have been cutting down many trees in the Amazon to create farmland. Most of the land is currently used for livestock pasture, such as cows and pigs. Farmers also use the land to grow soybeans, which are more valuable now than before because of biodiesel fuel being a popular energy source. A third reason is the creation of highways by the Brazilian government to allow travel between different provinces in the country. All of these cause an incredible amount of deforestation, and they must be reduced to protect the Amazon.

To preserve the rainforest, we must reduce our use of biodiesel fuel. While biodiesel leads to less pollution than coal, we still must look to renewable energy, including solar and wind. We must also eat less meat, to reduce the value of livestock. These two reforms will use economic forces to save the rainforest. My third suggestion is to halt expansion of the highway system in the Amazon rainforest. This must be handled by the government of Brazil, which is responsible for the construction of the highway system.

In conclusion, the Amazon rainforest is an incredible natural resource that must be protected. We must prevent livestock, soybeans, and highways from destroying its incredible biodiversity.