

Persuasive Writing Rainforests

Year 4 English – Lesson 1

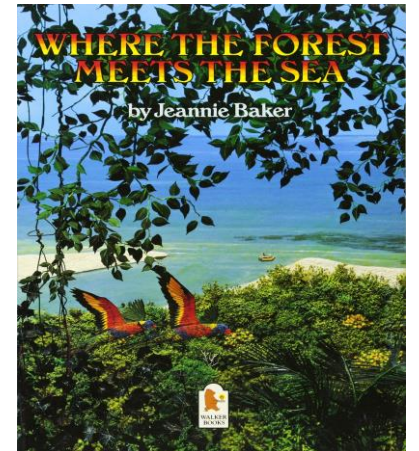
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The Daintree Rainforest



The Daintree Rainforest is on the north east coast of Australia in Queensland.

Watch the short film based upon the book 'When the forest meets the sea' by Jeannie Baker.



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oHb_WEA50yo

Photographs of The Daintree Rainforest National Park





A young boy takes a dingy with his dad to a glorious hideaway in the tropical rainforest - the boy walks among the trees, he imagines the forest as it might have been in the past. Dinosaurs emerge, from a tangle of trunks and vines; the faint outlines of an aboriginal child melt into a background of trees. Untouched and breath taking, the forest nook which can only be navigated through a break in the reef, features soaring, ancient trees, tangled with vines and smothered in lichen.

The boy sits still and listens and takes in the wonder, and as he leaves, he ponders the fate of this beautiful part of the world, wondering if the next time he visits, the forest will still be there . . .

Watch the film again and think about these questions. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oHb_WEA50yo

Why do you think animals appear in the film and then fade away?

As the boy and his father are leaving, the setting changes, we can see buildings and cars and then they fade. What does this mean?

Task 1: write a review of the short film.

Write a *synopsis* (a short summary) of the film.

What is the message of the film?

What could be improved?

Would you recommend this film to someone else? If so why (or why not)?

Stars out of 5.

Let's recall prepositions.



Prepositions

- A preposition is a word that indicates place or direction.
Examples: across, into, between, above, beyond, towards, behind, over.
- Prepositions describe the relationship between the subject of a sentence and another object.
For example: The apple was under the table.
The glider flew through the air.
The boy walked towards the school.

Which of the following words are **prepositions**?

in	to	house	location
travel	walk	inside	tomorrow
visit	mountain	beside	later
journey	upon	off	during

Task 2: Write the sentences again, using an adjective (a word to describe) and a preposition.

1. The man is sitting the sand.
2. The trees were growing the sea.
3. the trees the sea was whispering softly.
4. The hat was the man.



Prepositions can be used with a noun to tell us where it is positioned for example 'The ball lay under the tree.'

Some examples of prepositions

under	beneath
on	between
down	opposite
in	among
around	outside
besides	across
near	towards

Well Done Year 4!

