

KS2 Resource

Read through the resource below. How do you think the people living in the rainforest feel knowing fires are currently raging, uncontrollably in some areas?

The vast majority of fires raging in the Amazon rainforest are caused by people. Some of the blazes are started by farmers aiming to clear land, some by illegal loggers trying to cover their tracks, and some by carelessness. Fires and logging had been on the decline for years until this year.

Why do you think Mathias describes the land his people live on as their mother?

It is very sad. Our ancestors have fought for this land for so long. It is part of us, it is our mother.

What do you think you would like and dislike about living in a rainforest?

Mathias, who lives in a tiny village, with his family, in Northern Brazil has watched the fires get incredibly close. Every time they saw a fire near their land, they would try to put it out themselves.

Source: Sky News



The different tribes living in the Amazon Rainforest all live life differently. Some live much as we do whilst others survive entirely using resources from the forests. The children do not go to school, instead learning about the forest; how to survive in the forest, how to hunt and fish, how to recognise plants that can be used for food or medicine.

