

THE JUNGLE BOOK

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TEACHER RESOURCES

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AT THE LIBRARY

The Jungle Book
by Rudyard Kipling

All the Mowgli Stories
by Rudyard Kipling

*Captains Courageous and
Other Stories*
by Rudyard Kipling

ON THE WEB

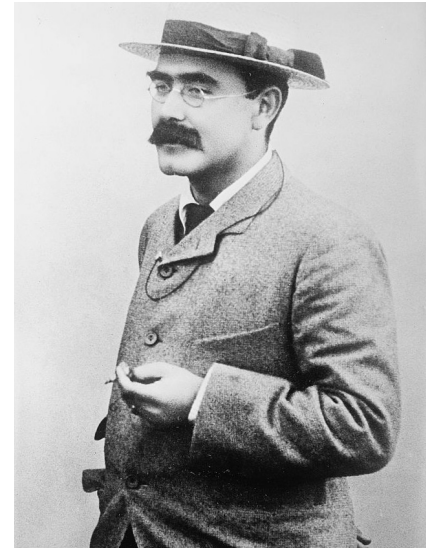
The Jungle Book
by Rudyard Kipling via
The Library of Congress -
read.gov/books/jungle_book.html

ABOUT THE PLAY

Virginia Rep's production of *The Jungle Book* is based on the classic tales by Rudyard Kipling. Kipling wrote *The Jungle Books* over 100 years ago, but his classic tales are still being reproduced on the stage and in the cinema.

The story is set in the jungles of southern India, where a baby is discovered and raised by a pack of wolves. Mowgli, the boy, has a life full of adventure and conflict. Mowgli's best friends are a bear named Baloo and a black panther named Bagheera. The notorious tiger, Shere Khan, is a force to be reckoned with in the jungle.

Kipling's story of Mowgli's childhood adventures in the jungle reinforce respect for life, both animal and human, and the idea of the harmony of all living things.



Rudyard Kipling.
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SEQUENCING EVENTS

The following events occurred in Mowgli's life. Put them in order 1-7 by writing the number in the circle, then illustrate your favorite to the right.

- Mowgli leaves the jungle and the pack
- Mowgli is captured by the Monkey People
- Mowgli crawls into the den of Mother and Father Wolf
- Baloo and Bagheera promise to teach and look after Mowgli
- Mowgli returns to the jungle to hunt with his wolf brothers, Baloo and Bagheera
- Mother Wolf saves Mowgli from Shere Khan



Illustrate your favorite event below:

A large, empty rectangular box with rounded corners and a thin black border, intended for drawing an illustration of a favorite event from the list.

Animals of the Rainforest

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Mowgli grew up in the rainforest of India, along with many animals that are indigenous to the Indian rainforest. **Indigenous** means originating and living in a particular environment or place; native. Ridiculously huge numbers of animals live in rainforests, including microscopic animals, invertebrates (like insects and worms), fish, reptiles, amphibians, birds, and mammals. Some from the Indian rainforest include:

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|------------------|---------------|
| Tiger | Freetail bat |
| Rhinoceros | Jaguar |
| Cobra | Elephant |
| Macaque | Hornbill |
| Malabar squirrel | Howler monkey |



ACTIVITY: Animal Journal Entry

Pick your favorite rainforest animal and write a journal entry as if you are that animal living in the rainforest for a day. What makes this animal well-suited to live in the rainforest (speed, agility, claws, teeth, beak etc.)?



MY ANIMAL JOURNAL ENTRY

Where are the Rainforests?

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Tropical rainforests are located on a belt along the equator, almost always less than 23.5 degrees north or south of this imaginary line. 23.5° north of the equator is a line called “the Tropic of Cancer”, and the same distance south of the equator is labeled “Tropic of Capricorn”. Tropical rainforests receive a high average rainfall; some rainforests may receive up to 400 inches of precipitation per year. The average rainfall, however, is 160 inches.

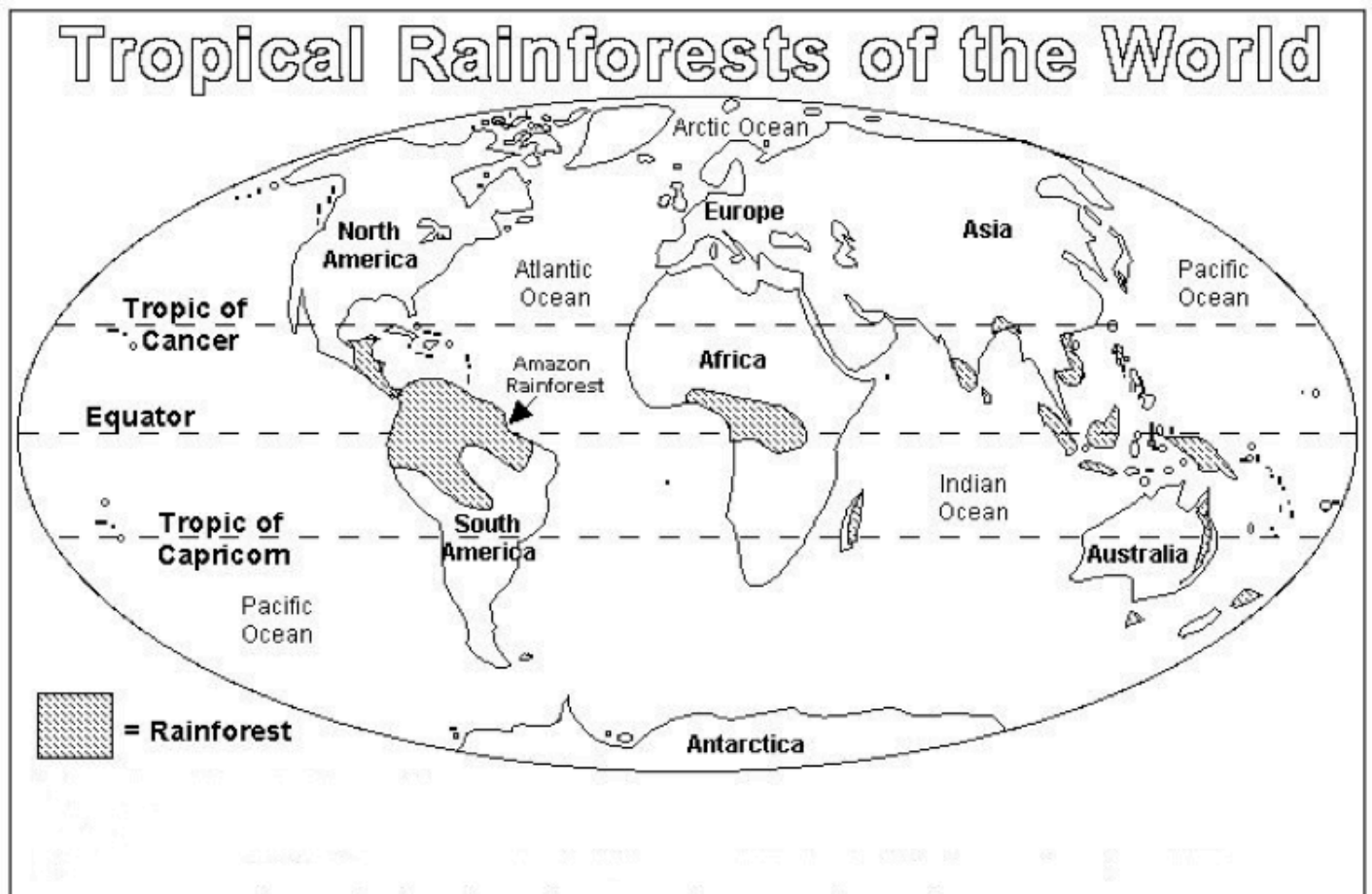
MAP ACTIVITY

Color the rainforests of the world GREEN

Color the rest of the Earth’s land BROWN

Color the oceans, seas, and lakes BLUE

Color the lines representing the equator, the Tropic of Cancer, and the Tropic of Capricorn RED



Strata of the Rainforest

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Different animals and plants live in different parts of the rainforest. Scientists divide the rainforest into strata (zones) based on the living environment.

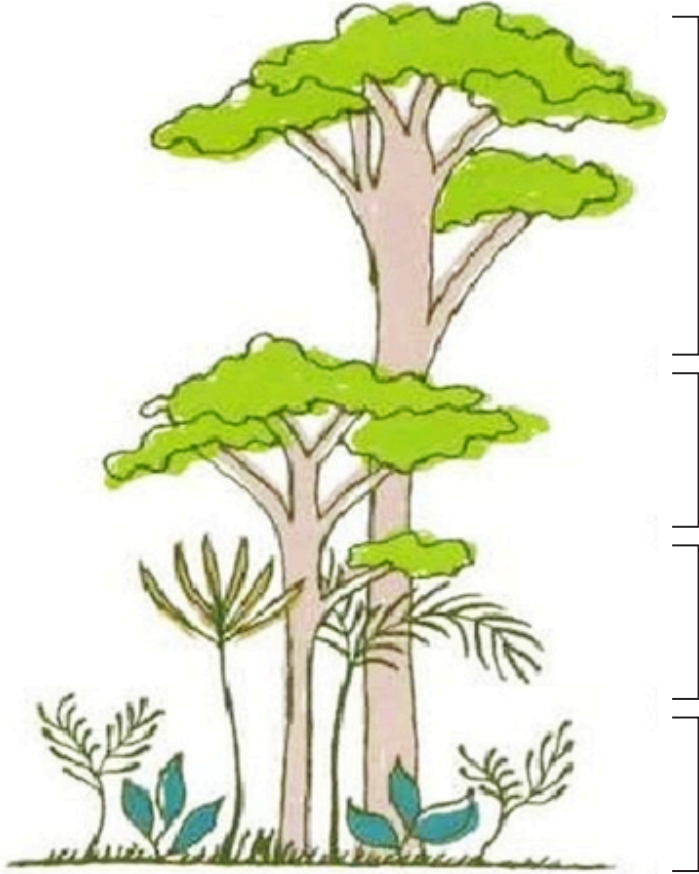
canopy: the upper parts of most of the trees. This leafy environment is full of life: insects, arachnids, many birds, some mammals, etc.

emergents: the tops of the tallest trees, which are much higher than the average trees (the canopy)

forest floor: the ground - it is teeming with animal life, especially insects and arachnids, plus large animals (like anacondas and jaguars)

understory: a dark, cool environment that is under the leaves but over the ground. Most of the understory of a rainforest has so little light that plant growth is limited. There are short, leafy, mostly non-flowering shrubs, small trees, ferns, and vines (lianas) that have adapted to filtered light and poor soil

RAINFOREST LAYERS



ACTIVITY: Label the strata of a tropical rainforest below.

Cues at the Theatre

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