

Trans-Amazon Expedition

Student Response: May 5, 2007

Name _____

Notes From The Trail: A Forest Rich in Life and History

1. Identify three ways in which the understory and the emergent layers of the rainforest are different.

2. What does a habitat provide? How does the rainforest provide these things for its human inhabitants?

3. What was the population of the Amazon rainforest before Europeans arrived? What is the current population?

4. Do you think protecting habitats is important to people who don't live in them? Why or why not?

Cultural Connections: Seringueiros and the Rubber Boom

5. What were two developments that fueled the rubber boom?

6. Name some reasons why being a seringueiro is difficult.

7. Why couldn't rubber be harvested during the rainy season? What did the seringueiros do during the rainy season?

8. What are some things made out of rubber (probably synthetic) that you use?
