

Environmental Justice: Rooting for Change Amazon Rainforest Preservation

Objectives

SWBAT create a mandala that has radial symmetry to represent the balanced ecosystem of rainforest

SWBAT celebrate the Amazon Rainforest and promote it's preservation with an art piece

Background information

Everyone on the planet benefits from the health of the Amazon. As its trees take in carbon dioxide and release oxygen, the Amazon plays a huge role in pulling planet-warming greenhouse gasses out of the atmosphere. Without it, climate change speeds up. But as the world's largest rainforest is eaten away by logging, mining, and agribusiness, it may not be able to provide the same buffer.

"The Amazon Stays, Bolsonaro Goes" is the protest movement against Brazil's current president who has overturned many environmental laws that were put in place to protect the Amazon and the indigenous peoples who live there.

More information:

"The Amazon Stays, Bolsonaro Goes" and the Amazon forest fires and [deforestation](#). [Amazon Forest fires](#) displacing Indigenous [people](#)- policy of Brazil's [president](#) favoring logging companies, etc. 35 million people from 350 indigenous tribes live in the Amazon rainforest.

Student facing presentation materials

[Slides](#)

Materials

- 10" cardboard cake [rounds](#)
- [Feathers](#), [flowers](#), [leaves](#), [geometric shapes](#), other stickers, gems, etc
- Glue
- Scissors (if you have already)

Step-by-step

DAY 1: Introduction with slides

- Show students how to work with one thing at a time all the way around the mandala before moving to another object.
- Students should lay out their mandala to practice arranging/rearranging
- Put everything in paper bag

DAY 2: Glue and stick things down

- Students can begin to glue and stick things down. Students should glue down one set of objects at a time. *For instance, if a feather is going on each line, glue all feathers down first, like below images.*

