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Activity

Amazon wildfires

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Read the case study on the 2019 Amazon wildfires, in **WIDELAND Vol. 31, No. 4**. This activity sheet encourages you to apply your understanding of the causes and impacts of wildfires in the Amazon rainforest.

Task

As explained in the article, one of the causes of wildfires in the Amazon has been the use of 'slash and burn' agriculture by local farmers.

Your task is to create an educational poster/leaflet to explain the causes of the wildfires and the impacts they have with the aim to reduce this practice in the Amazon rainforest during dry seasons.

Your poster/leaflet must include:

- the causes of wildfires in the Amazon rainforest
- the local and global impacts of the wildfires in the Amazon rainforest
- guidance for farmers to reduce slash-and-burn agriculture during dry seasons
- key facts to support your points

Challenge

Explain the role climate change plays in increasing wildfires globally.

Teacher notes

This activity aims to encourage students to apply their understanding of the 2019 wildfires in the Amazon rainforest by creating an informative leaflet/poster for farmers. Students should use facts from the article to support their points.

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