



# THE JUNGLE BOOK

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Adapted from the book by  
Rudyard Kipling

**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**

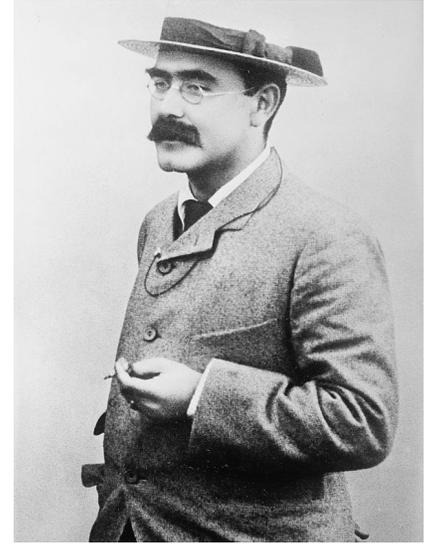
*The Jungle Book*  
by Rudyard Kipling via  
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**ABOUT THE PLAY**

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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## STUDY GUIDE

### 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 a student to draw an illustration of their 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**

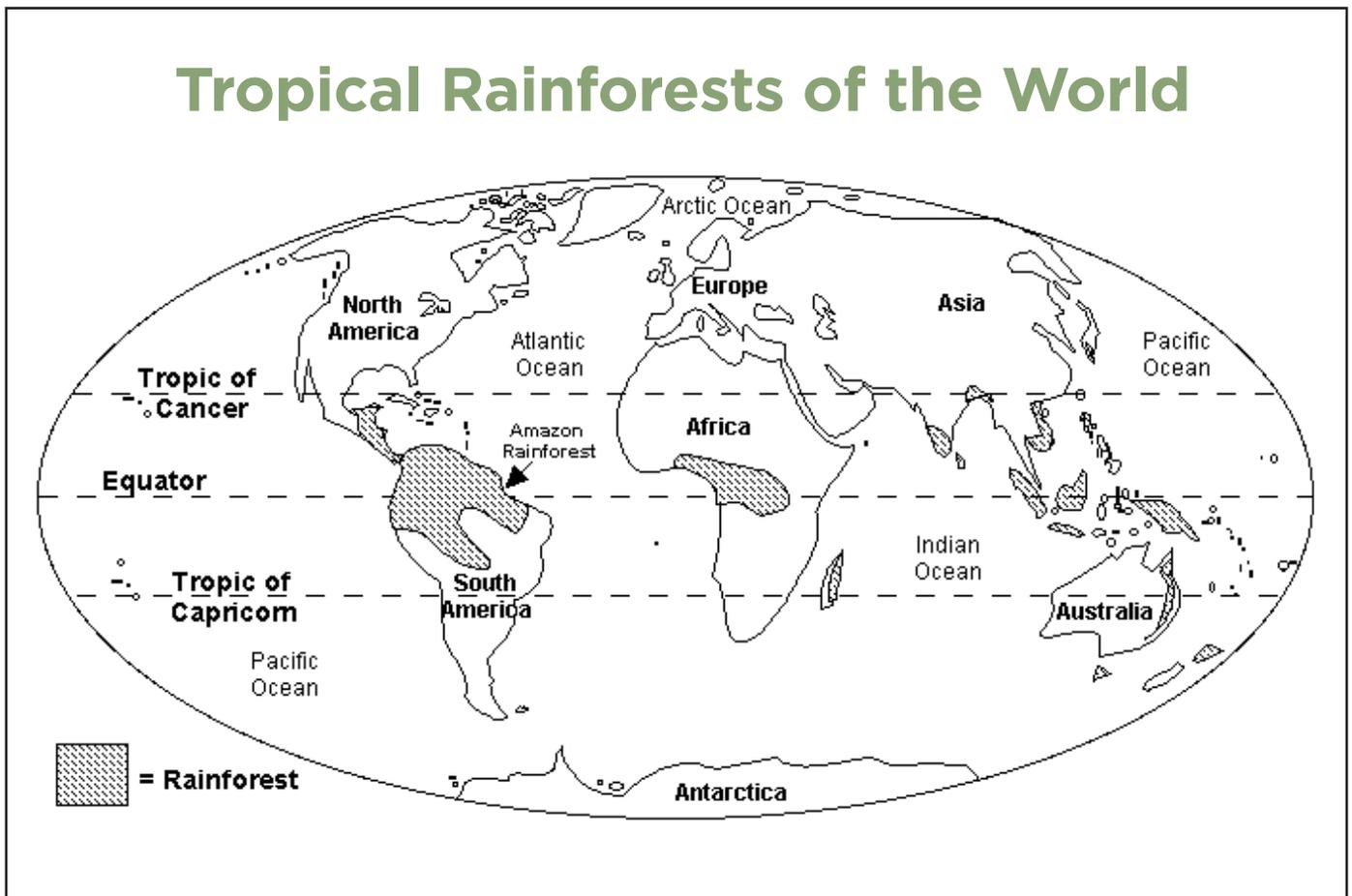
# Where are the Rainforests?

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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 **The 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.

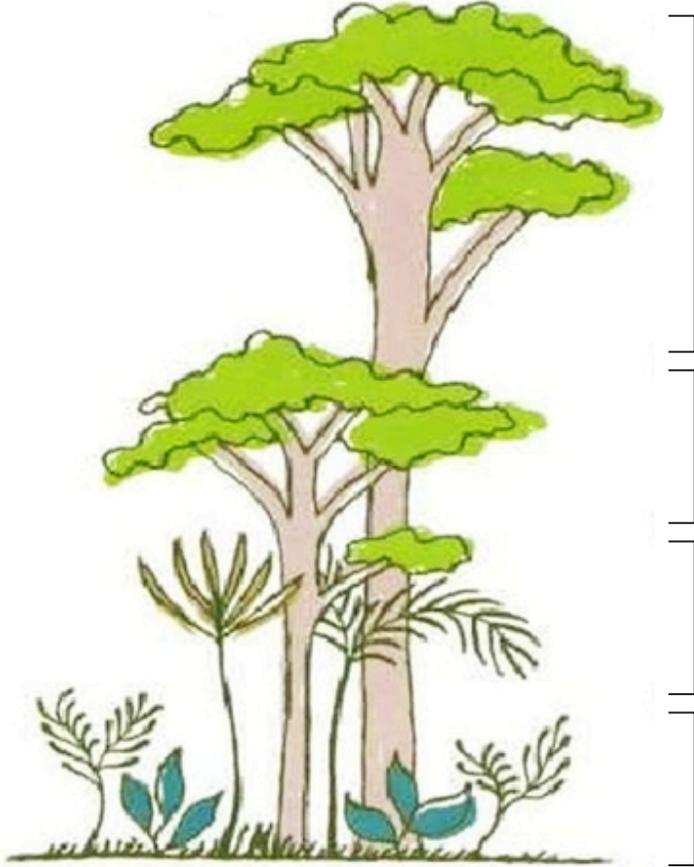
**canopy:** the upper parts of most of the trees. This leafy environment is full of life: insects, arachnids, many birds, some mammals, etc.

**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.

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### GUESS WHO

Can you guess the name of each animal listed below? Solve each of the clue words. Then copy the letters in the numbered cells to other cells with the same number. Hint: these are the same list of animals from the “Animals of the Rainforest” activity!

1. This rainforest animal starts with an “H.” It is a monkey from South America and can be found in India, too. It is the loudest monkey in the world. What is its name?

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2. This rainforest animal starts with a “J.” It is a spotted cat and a fierce predator. What is its name?

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3. This small brown monkey starts with the letter M and has a stumped tail. What is its name?

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4. This mammal starts with a “T.” It has striped fur and is a fierce predator. It lives in rainforests (and other environments) in Asia and is in danger of extinction. What is its name?

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5. This animal starts with an “M.” It is a multi-colored rodent that can be difficult to spot because it camouflages well and hops from tree to tree. What is its name?

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6. This large animal starts with an “E.” One of three types of subspecies, it lives in India and eats plants, not animals. It has smaller ears than its African relative. What is its name?

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7. This flying mammal starts with a “B.” It lives in natural caves near the rainforest, and is very active at night. What is its name?

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8. This animal starts with an “H.” It is a bird with a huge bill, and the largest species can be found on India. It consumes a large number of insects and some small mammals! What is its name?

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9. This animal starts with a “C.” It is a reptile with scales that has a large hood it expands when it feels threatened. What is its name?

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10. This animal starts with an “R.” It needs to live near water so it can wallow in it. It eats forest plants and requires both forests and rivers to survive. What is its name?

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**Solve the cryptic message below:** Use letters from the answers above.



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# Cues at the Theatre

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