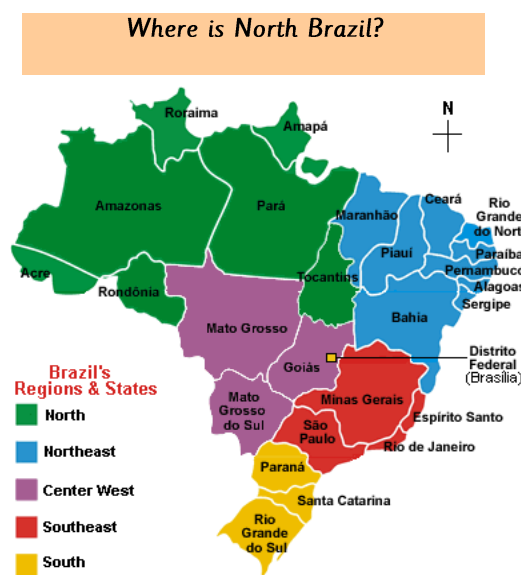
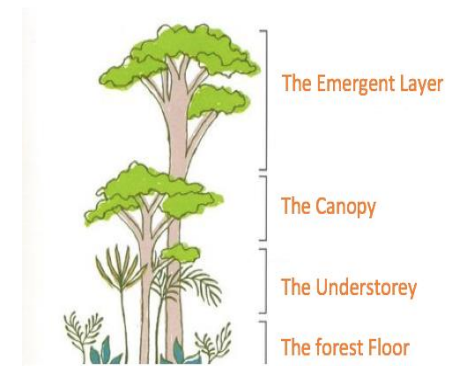


Year 5 – A region within South America: North Brazil

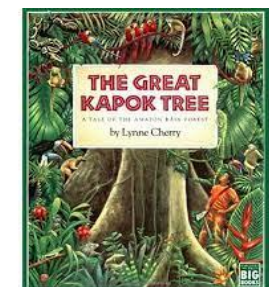
Vocabulary	Definitions
Vegetation belt	The plant life within a biome.
Biome	A region of the Earth's surface and the combination of climate, plants and animals found in it.
Rainforest	A dense forest found in tropical areas with consistently heavy rainfall.
Deforestation	The action of clearing a wide range of trees.
Tropical climate	A warm temperature throughout the year.
Emergent Layer Canopy/Understorey / Forest Floor	The different layers of a rainforest.
Biodiversity	The variety of living things in a given place.
Region	An area that is defined by certain characteristics.



Layers of the Rainforest



The Great Kapok Tree – Lynne Cherry



Key Knowledge

Brazil has five regions. The North region of Brazil is the largest region of Brazil. This region is formed of seven states: Acre, Amapa, Amazonas, Para, Rondonia, Roraima and Tocantins. In comparison, the region of Il De France is spilt into departments and the North West of England is split into counties.

North Brazil is the second least populated region in Brazil. Most people live in urbanized areas. Manaus is the most populated city followed by Belem and Porto Velho. Around 17.35 million people live in North Brazil. This is a higher population than Il De France and the North West of England.

The Amazon Biome, is defined as the area covered predominantly by dense moist tropical forest, with relatively small inclusions of several other types of vegetation such as savannas, floodplain forests, grasslands, swamps, bamboos, and palm forests. Almost the entire region of North Brazil is covered by the Amazon Rainforest. Tropical rainforest ecosystems contain more species than any other ecosystem. The Amazon Rainforest is thought to contain around 30% of the world's species. This is a very high amount compared to species found in Il De France and the North-West of England. A rainforest is made up of four layers: forest floor, understorey, canopy and emergent layer.

Habitat loss is the main cause of species becoming endangered or extinct. Deforestation has been caused by: commercial logging, mineral extraction, commercial farming and subsistence farming.

North Brazil has a tropical climate. As a result, the weather in North Brazil typically includes rain. In comparison, Il De France (France - Europe) and the North-West of England (UK) have temperate climates.

Some key human features in North Brazil include Teatro Amazonas, Museu da Amazonia and Belem Metropolitan Cathedral.

Key Skills

Use eight point compass points well.

Use atlases, maps and globes to find out about other features of places e.g. weather patterns with support.

Use a range of primary and secondary sources of information for evidence.

Make comparisons between features in a region of the United Kingdom, a region in a European country and a region within North or South America.

Study of human and physical geography of a region of the United Kingdom, a region in a European country and a region within North or South America.

Use appropriate geographical vocabulary related to the topic and be able to define in detail.

Begin to use four figure coordinates to locate features on a map.

Describe and understand key aspects of physical geography: Vegetation belt and Rainforest.