



Earth's Endangered Environments:

Picture Show



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SUBJECT

Science
Social Studies

Two movies are on this CD-ROM, one dealing with rainforest and the other with wetlands. Specific habitats described include both temperate and tropical rainforests, swamps, bottomlands, peat bogs, arctic tundra, marshes and prairie potholes. The importance of the different ecosystems is discussed, along with some of the issues facing their survival. Efforts to preserve the ecosystems are described. The movies are presented with or without captions, and as scripts of the movie. Spanish versions appear on the same CD. One screen provides suggestions for classroom activities, including two activity sheets for each movie. Both images and text can be printed or downloaded for reports. The student section includes a glossary, background information, and list of key points for each film. Technical assistance is available through a toll-free number.

Grade Level

4-9

Length
CD-ROM

Date Published
1994

What the REVIEWERS Said!

Other
Considerations
Strengths
Noted

This is a concise, basic introduction to two ecosystems. The graphics and visual presentation are of high quality. The information on wetlands and rainforests is accurate, and the program covers concepts well. It is formatted like a television program, with little interaction and much passive viewing. The activities provided are simplistic. The program is easy to use, although some reviewers reported trouble printing information. Individual action and responsibility are not addressed.