

THEORY:

How to Write a Fact File

1. You must follow the instructions of the question.
2. You must use these headings to organize the information.

- What happened ?
- When did it happen ?
- Who was involved ?
- What impact did it have?

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Example:

Fact File after Reading a Text:

Title:
Paragraph 1
What is it about ?
Information of the location and area:
Paragraph 2
Where does it hapen ?
Paragraph 3
General information:
Reasons to be interested in the Amazon:
Problems expressed in the text:

PRACTICE:

1. Read the fact file. How many countries are in the Amazon rainforest?

The Amazing Amazon

What:

largest rainforest in the world
7,000,000 square kilometres

Where:

stretches across Brazil, Peru, Colombia, Suriname, Ecuador, Bolivia and French Guinea
contains over half of the planet's rainforest

Importance:

The plants take in carbon dioxide and produce oxygen. In this way they clean the atmosphere, because carbon dioxide is a harmful greenhouse gas.

Scientists are very interested in the Amazon because different plants can cure different illnesses. The Amazon people who know about these plants are called 'medicine men'. When they get old, they pass on their knowledge to their 'apprentices'. These are younger men who will eventually become medicine men.

One researcher, Drauzio Varella, from Brazil, is looking for a cure for cancer in the Amazon. The work is difficult because there are lots of different plants in the rainforest. He and his team test each one to find out if it has medicinal properties. This takes a long time. Another problem is that the rainforest is getting smaller. This means fewer trees and plants, but also animals lose their habitats. If people continue to destroy the rainforest, we will lose our chance to discover valuable new medicines.

2 Read the fact file again. Complete the sentences.

- 1 The Amazon is the _____ rainforest in the world and contains to over _____ of the world's rainforests.
- 2 The rainforest cleans the atmosphere by taking in _____ and releasing _____.
- 3 _____ study the plants in the rainforest because they can _____ different illnesses.
- 4 _____ are young men who are learning to become _____ men.
- 5 Drauzio Varella is searching for a cure for _____, but one of his biggest challenges is the large number of _____ that he needs to test.
- 6 Cutting down trees in the Amazon rainforest means fewer plants and _____. It also threatens our chance to discover new _____.

3. Copy and fill (= Complete) the example fact file with the data and information of the text.

SOLUTIONS:

1)

1. seven

2)

1 largest; half

2 carbon dioxide; oxygen

3 Scientists; cure

4 Apprentices; medicine

5 cancer; plants

6 animals; medicines

3)

1) The copy of the fact file will be assessed attending to the following aspects:

- First, you must copy the Example Fact File.

- Second, you must read the text entitled “**The Amazing Amazon**”

- Finally, you must complete the Fact File

- All the aspects proposed in the fact file must be written giving the specific and adequate information, without blanks and without using white corrector, also with a good handwriting, the correct punctuation and it must be presented in a neat manner as well.