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I see and I say

Robert Swan, the first person to walk on the North and South poles, said:

"The greatest threat to our planet is the belief that someone else will save it." If not us, who?

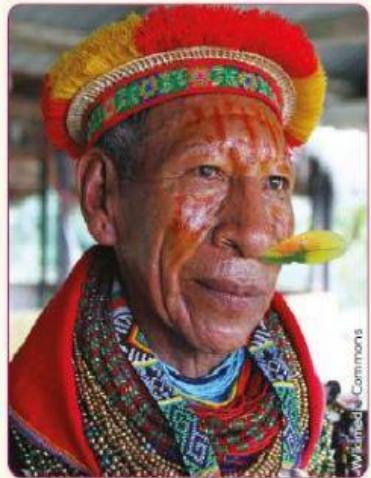
What do you think about what Robert Swan says? What does he mean? Do you agree? **Answer in at least 20 words.**

I know

On a scale of 1 to 10, **1 being nothing** and **10 being a lot**,

how much do you think your community is doing to help our environment? Why do you say that?

Answer in at least 20 words.



Culture

In the Amazon region of Ecuador, there are nine different indigenous nationalities: Kichwa, Shuar, Achuar, Shiwiar, Cofán, Siona, Secoya, Zápara, Andoa, and Waorani. They speak different languages and have different customs. Most of these nationalities welcome thousands of international tourists every year.

Read and try to get the main idea.

Protecting the Ecuadorian Amazon

The Amazon region of Ecuador is found in the eastern part of the country. Of the four geographical regions of the country (Amazon, Highlands, Coast, and Galapagos), it is the largest in area. It is one of the most biodiverse places on the planet, with thousands of species of plants and animals. It is a natural treasure for the country and the world. There are five national parks in this region: *Yasuni*, *Cayambe-Coca*, *Llanganates*, *Sumaco Napo-Galeras*, and *Río Negro-Sopladora*.

This beautiful region is in danger. There is a lot of oil (near 800 million barrels) in the ground of the Ecuadorian Amazon. If oil companies remove this oil from the **ground**, the ecosystem will be **disturbed**. It can **harm** the plants and animals. Some indigenous groups of the region, especially the Waorani, have fought and won important legal battles to preserve the land. But this fight is far from finished.

There are constant **attempts** by oil companies to **drill** in the region. There are also instances of illegal deforestation in the region. As long as there continues to be strong opposition to this, there is hope that the Amazon region of Ecuador will remain protected.

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VOCABULARY

Read again and try to match the words with the meaning.

Ground

An effort to do something

Disturbed

Make a hole in something

Harm

Earth's solid surface

Attempt

Changed in an unwanted way

drill

Damage, hurt

WORK IN GROUPS OF FOUR (NAMES OF MEMBERS OF THE GROUP _____)

Answer the following questions in small groups. Write down what you discuss.

What do you know about the Ecuadorian Amazon? **Answer in at least 20 words.**

1.

Words _____

According to the reading, what is special about the Amazon region? **Answer in at least 20 words.**

2.

Words _____

Have you heard any news recently about this topic? Share it. **Answer in at least 20 words.**

3.

Words _____

Before answer the following question, see this short video about Ecuador's Amazon Region.



4. What is your own personal opinion? Should the oil companies be able to drill for oil in order to make money, or should the Amazon be protected? Defend your opinion with solid arguments **Answer in at least 100 words.**

Words _____

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