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## Book Title

Zonia's Rain Forest

## Content Area

ELA, Science, Library Skills

## Grade Levels

K-5

## Learning Targets

**Activities 1 & 2:** Students create a social media post or graphic.

**Activities 3 & 4:** Students build background knowledge of the setting.

**Activities 5 & 6:** Students learn more about the setting through research.

## Materials Needed:

pencil, coloring materials, research databases

### Tech Tip:

What kind of [Planet Protector](#) are you?

Take [this personality quiz](#) to find out!

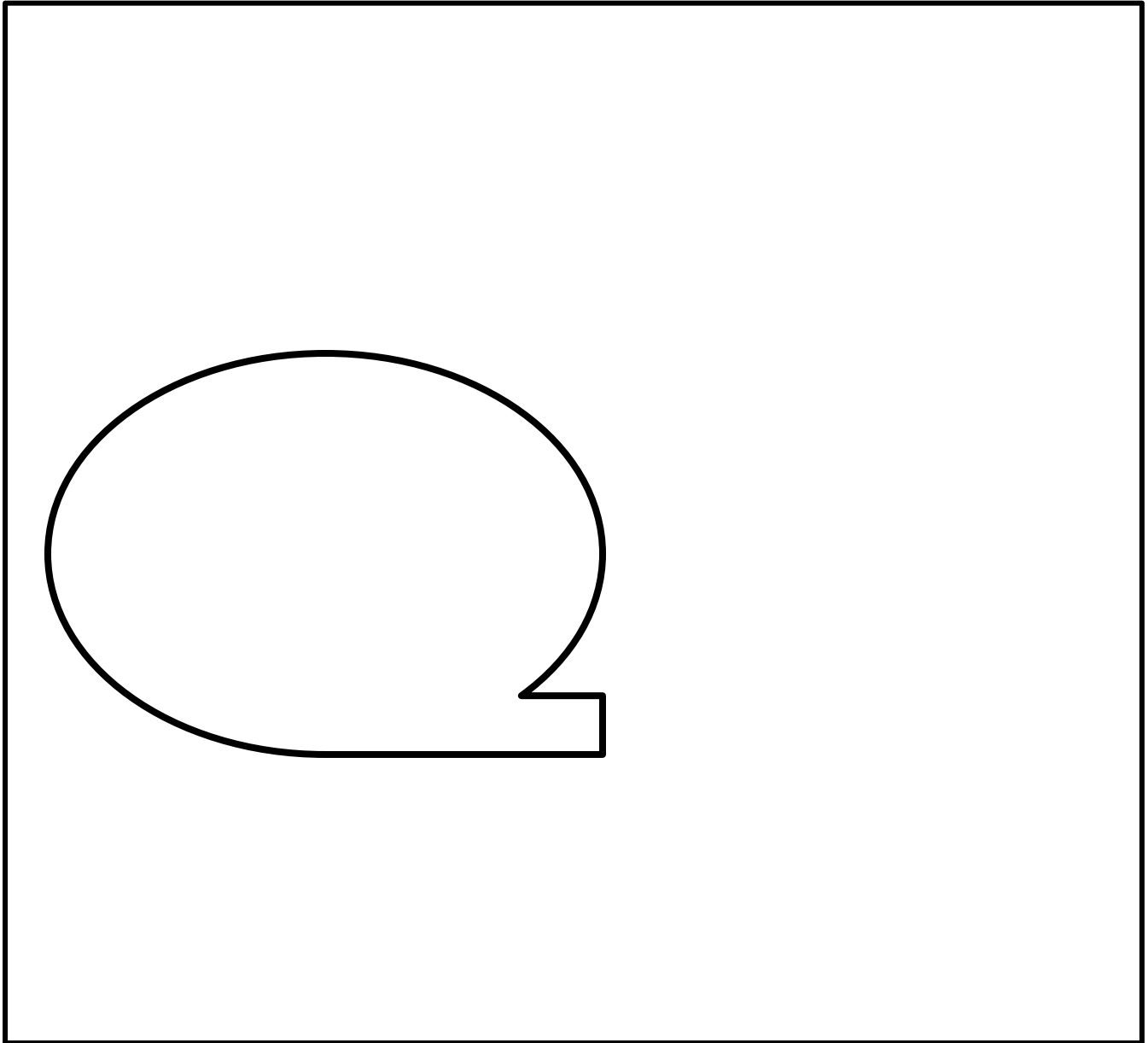


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## Create a Caption

Illustrate a scene from the book. Include the main character. Draw the setting in the background. Then, fill the speech bubble with something you think the character would say during that scene.

Write a caption underneath to describe the scene.



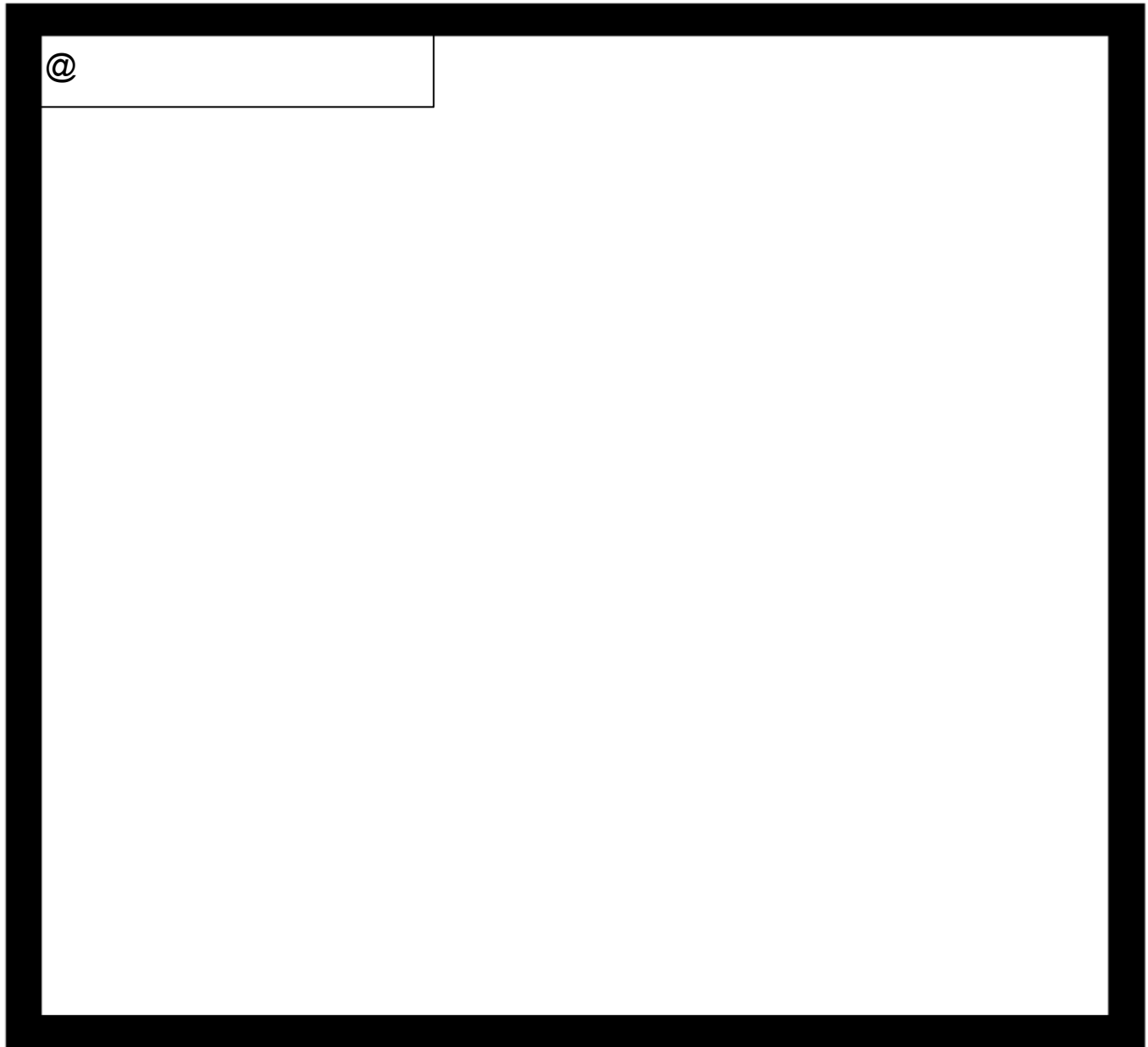
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## Insta Post

Illustrate and caption a post Zonia would create to answer the Rainforest's call for help. Use details from the story to base your post on. Remember to add a username in the top right rectangle.



A large rectangular frame representing an Instagram post. In the top-left corner, there is a small white rectangle containing an '@' symbol, intended for a username. The rest of the frame is empty, designed for an illustration.



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## Listen & Learn

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Amazon Fact:



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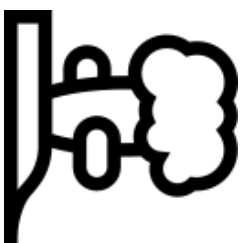
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## Research a Rainforest Friend!

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Draw a picture of the animal.

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# Word Search

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sloth

lily

coati

caiman

Amazon



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Find the words:

Amazon      rainforest      jaguar      water lily      butterfly  
anteater      Arrau turtle      coati      sloth      caiman

# Discussion Questions

## **Before Reading:**

- Describe what you see on the front and back cover.
- What predictions can you make based on the cover?
- Find the author's name. What is it?
- What clues does the title give about the story?
- Is this book fiction or nonfiction? How can you tell?

## **While Reading:**

- The narrator says, "Every morning, the rainforest calls to Zonia." What do you think that means?
- Who are Zonia's friends in the Rainforest?
- How does Zonia feel about where she lives? How can you tell?
- Do you think Zonia would be able to ride a jaguar in real life? Why?
- The narrator says, "On her way home, Zonia comes across something she has not seen before. Frightened, she runs the rest of the way home." What does Zonia see that frightens her?

## **After Reading:**

- Would you like to live in the Rainforest? Why or why not?
- How do you feel about Zonia? What makes you think or feel that?
- What do you think Zonia does next?
- How did this story make you feel? Why?
- Could this story happen in real life? Why or why not?
- What is the message or moral in this story?

# Discussion Questions

## **Before Reading:**

- What other books have you read that are set in the rainforest? How do these connections inspire predictions for this book?
- What problems do you think Zonia may face?
- What genre do you think this book will be? Explain your reasoning.

## **While Reading:**

- The narrator says, “Every morning, the rainforest calls to Zonia.” What do you think that means?
- Who or what is narrating the story? How can you tell?
- What does Zonia see that frightens her? Why is she frightened by what she sees?

## **After Reading:**

- Would you like to live in the rainforest? Why or why not?
- What does Zonia mean when she says, “We all must answer.” on the last page?
- Explain the emotions the characters experienced.
- How did the illustrations help you understand the story?
- How is what happens in the story similar to something else you know?
- What was the author’s purpose?
- What questions do you have for the author?
- How does the back matter help you understand the story’s central message?

# Writing Prompts

- If you traveled to the rainforest, what would you do there?
- Would you want to spend the day with Zonia? Why?
- How did Zonia show appreciation for her home?
- Do you agree with Zonia's statement to answer the Rainforest's call for help? Why or why not?
- Continue the story to show what Zonia does next.
- Retell the most important events using first, next, then, and last.
- Would you like to listen to this book again? Why or why not?

**K-2**

# Writing Prompts

- Write about a time you experienced fear like Zonia in this story.
- Compare and contrast Zonia and yourself. Are you more alike or different?
- How did the illustrations affect the story?
- Continue the story to show what Zonia does next.
- What inferences can you make about Zonia based on her actions? Give examples.
- Write about what you would do if you spent a day in the rainforest.

3-5

# No Print Novelties

Use these low prep and no print activities at home and school.

## Create Endpapers for the story!

Endpapers are the inside cover of a picture book. They're usually blank, but *sometimes* illustrators add additional artwork to the inside cover to tell more of a story.

Draw an endpaper that shows what happens after the story ends.



## Home Challenge

Build a [Rainforest biome in a jar](#)! You'll need:

- Clean jar with a lid
- Activated Charcoal Carbon
- Small rocks
- Plants
- Animal figurines

Place the pebbles at the bottom of the jar. Next, sprinkle the charcoal. Insert the plants. Sprinkle small rocks around the plants. Place the animals around the biome. Water the plants. Close the lid to create a rainforest climate.

