

Teaching Notes:

Globe Defenders Rainforest Rescue

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SYNOPSIS

When Jess and Jack Rayworth reluctantly enter the gates of their latest school Hilltop Academy, they don't know they're entering the training ground for a secret agency. An agency set up to stop damage inflicted on the planet through the greed of a sinister organisation known as the Lobby. They soon work out that Hilltop also has something to do with their missing parents. And following their hunch, they are launched into a battle for survival deep in the Amazon rainforest, trying to help save someone else's home and family. But will this help them save their own?

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Jonny Daymond loves action, adventure and travel. He has trekked the Amazon rainforest, dived the Great Barrier Reef, jumped out of planes, raced sailing dinghies, climbed sheer rock faces and spent a lifetime studying martial arts. In fact, he holds a fourth degree black belt and is the current Chairman of the United Kingdom Shorinji Kempo Federation. As a former publisher he has travelled the world visiting countries on every continent, while as a musician he has performed thousands of gigs singing, playing the guitar, harmonica, bass and drums. But most of all, he is a dad, and he likes nothing more than hanging out with his two children: climbing trees, sword fighting with sticks and making up stories. His writing career is dedicated to them and all other children, young and old. A debut author, Jonny writes intriguing, thrilling and thought-provoking adventure stories.

ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR

Marco Guadalupi loves to tell stories and works in the publishing industry as both a writer and as an illustrator. He primarily uses digital drawing tools, particularly Procreate and Photoshop, but also creates hand-lettering and fonts for book covers, in addition to graphic elements for the interiors. Marco is passionate about everything vintage and often draws inspiration from retro charm and elegance. Alongside illustration, Marco has a keen interest in photography. Marco lives in Italy and likes chips, liquorice and Harry Potter. He believes in imagination: the world needs it.

EDUCATIONAL APPLICABILITY

Globe Defenders Rainforest Rescue is an exciting middle grade eco-adventure that will have readers on the edge of their seat and wanting to read more. This story features a diverse cast of characters, including the two main protagonists, sister and brother, Jess and Jack Rayworth. They are resourceful, strongminded siblings who are determined to discover the truth, no matter what it takes. Key themes are environmental issues, digital enhancement, history, loss, friendship and family, resilience, self-belief and adventure. This story encourages children to engage with issues facing our world today.

Activity 2: Fun Wordsearch Activity

Can you find all the words in the *Globe Defenders Rainforest Rescue* wordsearch?

Name:

Class:

Date:

word search

GLOBE DEFENDERS RAINFOREST RESCUE

D N N I E H B C S N R A B Y
A E O P D T G T C E S W T F
E D F Z P N N R S L R O T U
H S H O A E I C H A C R Q E
O P R N R M U J S K K L S M
O O I A I E A R I E N D U I
N T P N I C S O N B W W P I
O L A F K N G T R I I A I E
H L Y N T A F C A R G R E G
S I T M D H Y O V T Y T E C
L H T G O N L D R I I W A O
S R E D N E F E D E B O L G
N T H I A D O J E S S E N L
S U V T Y B B O L E H T S J

AMAZON
CRIMINALS
DEFORESTATION
DOCTOR
DRVARNISH
ENHANCEMENT
GADGETS

GLOBEDEFENDERS
HETTY
HILLTOP
JACK
JESS
KALEN
PARENTS

RAINFOREST
RESCUE
THELOBBY
TRIBE
VINNY
WORLDWARTWO

word search

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Answer Sheet

word search

GLOBE DEFENDERS RAINFOREST RESCUE

D N N I E H B C S N R A B Y
A E O P D T G T C E S W T F
E D F Z P N N R S L R O T U
H S H O A E I C H A C R Q E
O P R N R M U J S K K L S M
O O I A I E A R I E N D U I
N T P N I C S O N B W W P I
O L A F K N G T R I I A I E
H L Y N T A F C A R G R E G
S I T M D H Y O V T Y T E C
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Art and Design

Activity 1: Design a Cover

Why don't you have a go at designing your own cover for the book? You could include elements from the book's cover or use your own ideas.



Alternatively, why not have a go at designing a new GDA logo!



Activity 2: Design a Poster

In the book, Jess and Jack are committed to being Globe Defenders. Have a go at designing your own poster to raise awareness about the deforestation in the Amazon rainforest. There are lots of things to think about, including what the deforestation is doing to the ecosystem and local people.

Here are some questions and things to think about when making your 'Save the rainforest' poster.

Where is the Amazon Rainforest?

What is happening?

Why is this a problem?

What is being done now to protect it?

How can people help with the conservation effort?

How can YOU help?



Science, Nature and the Environment

Activity 1: Draw a blueprint for your own secret GDA headquarters.

What would the GDA headquarters look like if it were housed underground beneath your school?

Which buildings might you use to access it and how?

How many levels would there be and what might happen on the different levels?

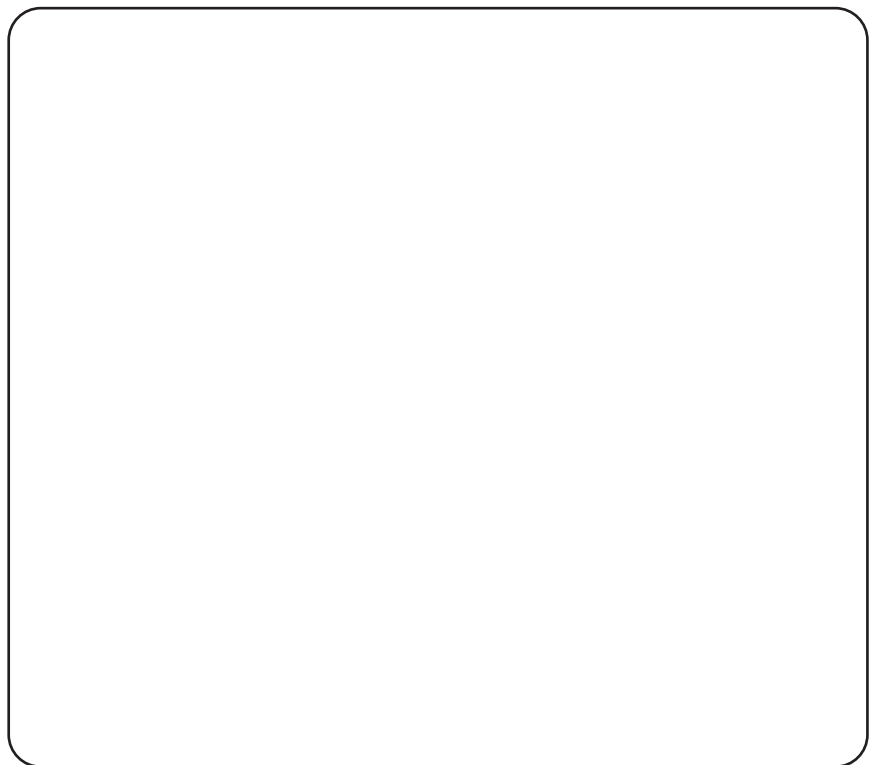
Draw a diagram of what your GDA headquarters might look like and annotate it with notes explaining the different sections and technology used.

You could even think about which of your teachers might be operatives and what their special skills might be!

Activity 2: Research the animals of the Amazon

Here's a list of animals from the Amazon region included in the book. Pick one you'd like to draw and write a bit of information about.

- Jaguar
- Emperor Tamarin
- Agouti
- Royal hawk/Harpy eagle
- Howler monkey
- King vulture



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Activity 3: Defend your part of the globe

You don't need to travel across the world to be a Globe Defender. You can help straight away much closer to home. Think about the things that you could do on a daily, weekly or yearly basis to help the planet. It could be something simple like picking up litter, or making sure you recycle. Or it could be something more complicated like choosing more sustainable products when you go shopping or creating a wildflower patch in your garden or school field.

Do some research and make a list with some realistic goals to try and live more in harmony with your environment.

Remember, changing our behaviour to live more sustainably isn't always easy. So, start small and build up gradually. Every little helps.

History

Activity 1: The Second World War?

The GDA was founded during the midst of the Second World War. How much do you know about that period of history? Find out which countries were involved in the war and who fought against who and why? At the time the GDA was founded they had members from opposing sides of the conflict working together. Think about the reasons why this could be possible and how the ideas you come up with could be applied to help reduce conflict in the future?

