

Knowledge Organiser- English: The Great Kapok Tree

Text information

Story: In the dense, green Amazon rain forest, a man has come to chop down a great Kapok tree. When he lies down to rest, the creatures that inhabit the tree and the surrounding forest come to whisper in his ear, each in its own fashion begging him to spare their home.

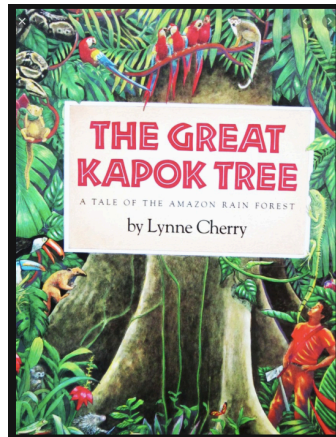
Themes: The moral of this story is think before you do because in the story a man with an axe starts cutting down the animals' home, the great Kapok tree without thinking about how the animals depended on it.

Setting: Amazon Rain Forest

Book Information

Book: The Great Kapok Tree

Author: Lynne Cherry



Features of a Persuasive Text

- Title implies a point of view
- Reasons to support the viewpoint
- Facts and evidence to support reasons
- Conjunctions used to link cause and effect (e.g. therefore, because, so)
- Connectives
- Persuasive devices: Agreement (e.g. obviously, without doubt)
- Powerful adjectives
- Rhetorical questions
- Exaggeration
- Present tense verbs
- Emotive language
- Conclusion to summarise and state opinion.

Key word

Defintion

kapok tree

also known as a ceiba tree, a large tropical tree with large pods of silky floss used for making mattresses and life preservers.

ancestors

families that came before us

pollination

how plants reproduce

oxygen

the gas we breathe to stay alive

canopy

a kind of roof formed by treetops

Amazon

a river in South America; the largest in the world

understory

the plants growing on the ground, under the canopy

generations

one family after another; a measure of time

lulled

calm or send to sleep, typically with soothing sounds or movements

gash

a long, deep cut or wound

troupe

a touring group of entertainers