Argumentative Writing

ELA/Social Studies

*Your task is to write a letter to the Brazilian president arguing the need to stop deforestation in the Amazon Rainforest.*

**To complete this task:**

1. View the video linked below:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YJ8QJGahjzo>

1. Read the article “*The Brazilian Rainforest: Caught Between Biodiversity and Business”* linked below:

<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2012/02/120228123849.htm>

1. Go onto the internet and find an additional source

When viewing and researching keep your topic in mind. Take notes on the information that will support your argument.

**Your writing should:**

-Be in the form of a LETTER (with proper greeting and closing)

-Demonstrate your SOCIAL STUDIES and WRITING knowledge

-Have REASONS with EVIDENCE to support your reasons (think of the table top as your reasons and the legs that hold it up are the evidence you use)

-Be IN DEPTH (scuba diving) with your explanations (do not assume the reader “knows what you mean”)