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Rainforest Chain

Directions: Read the passage carefully. Think about what happens (**effects**) as a result of certain actions or events (**causes**). Complete the cause-and-effect organizer by filling in the boxes with information from the passage.

Deforestation in the Amazon

The Amazon rainforest is one of the most important ecosystems on Earth. However, large areas of the forest are being cut down each year. Trees are cleared to make space for cattle ranching, farming, and logging. When these trees are destroyed, the animals that live there lose their habitats. This can lead to fewer species surviving in the wild. In addition, removing trees means less carbon dioxide is absorbed from the air. As a result, greenhouse gases build up in the atmosphere, which contributes to climate change. The loss of trees also harms local communities that depend on the forest for food, medicine, and fresh water.

CAUSE 1

EFFECT 1

CAUSE 2

EFFECT 2

CAUSE 3

EFFECT 3