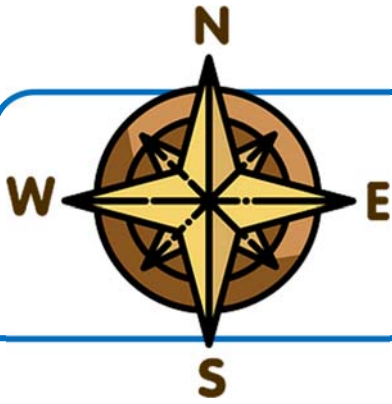


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Geographic Crossroads

Directions: Read the scenario carefully. Then respond to the critical thinking questions using clear reasoning and evidence.

A group of community leaders in a remote region of the Amazon Basin is deciding whether to support the construction of a new road. The road would connect their town to larger cities, making it easier to access hospitals, schools, and markets. However, building the road would require clearing part of the surrounding forest. This could affect wildlife, reduce tree cover, and bring increased outside activity that may change local traditions. The community must weigh the benefits of improved access against the potential environmental and cultural impacts.

1. What is one important benefit the new road could bring to the community?
2. What is one possible negative impact that the road could have on the environment or local culture?
3. If you were advising the community, what additional information would you want to know before making a decision?
4. What compromise or alternative solution could help the community meet its needs while protecting the environment?
5. Based on the scenario, would you support or oppose the road project? Explain your reasoning clearly.