Rain Forest Layer Craft

Characteristics of the Layers
Emergent Layer: very sunny and windy, dries out easily; experiences more extreme day to night temperature shifts

Canopy: dense, overlapping branches and leaves; sunny and hot during the day time

Understory: Shaded and damp, humidity is higher than previous layers

Forest Floor: dark and damp, leaf litter and other debris decompose readily

Materials
- Craft outline (below)
- Crayons or markers
- Scissors
- Glue or glue stick

Instructions
- Print out the craft below. The tree pages should be double sided on one sheet.
- Color in the trees and animals of the rain forest.
- Fold the rain forest layer page in half vertically (hot dog style).
- Cut the front flaps of the rain forest layer page on the dotted lines.
- Cut out and past your animals into the correct rain forest layer.
Layers of the Rainforest

- Forest Floor
- Understory
- Canopy
- Emergent
Animals of the Rainforest

Emergent Layer
- Harpy Eagle
- Poison dart frog
- Sloth

Canopy
- Toucan
- Butterfly
- Boa constrictor

Understory
- Jaguar

Forest Floor
- Tapir