



People of the Rainforest Vocabulary

Instructions: Students will need to be able to identify the following terms and recall the definition

- **Culture**- the total aspects of a group of people's lives, such as art, music and food, that make the group unique
- **Civilization**- an advanced society
- **Indigenous People**- the first, or original people of a specific area, prior to its transformation into a civilization (these people live off of nature)
- **Nomadic**- a person who wanders from place to place with no permanent home
- **Hunters**- a group (usually men) who capture and kill animals for food
- **Gatherers**- collect food (usually done by women), such as fruit
- **Yanomami**- a member of the native people living in the rain forests
- **Beliefs**- something that one thinks is true
- **Shaman**- a "medicine man" (like a doctor)
- **Slash and Burn**- method used for clearing forests to create plantations that will grow crops
- **Amerindians**- a native who has adopted Western culture characteristics, such as clothing choices
- **Cultivate**- to prepare land for raising crops
- **Plantation**- an area where plants are grown, usually a large amount of land
- **Traditional**- ideas and beliefs based down from generation to generation