

# Extreme Journeys

Use the **Global Ecozones Map student page** to explore the forests and climate of different parts of the world. Answer the following questions.

1 Looking at the map as a whole, what patterns do you notice?

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2 Find your town's approximate location on the map. What ecozone is it in or near?

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3 Compare ecozones of the west coast of the United States to the east coast. What differences do you notice?

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4 Compare North America to South America. What types of forests are most common in each? What might cause those differences?

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5 Which of all the continents shows the most variation in the number and location of forest types? Why might that be?

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6 Which continent shows the least variation? Why might that be?

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7 Find the two biggest desert areas on the map. Where are they? What climate characteristic do they share?

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8 Find the two biggest mountain forest areas on the map. Where are they? What climate characteristic do they share?

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9 What main climate characteristics determine the forest type in a given area?

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10 After studying the Global Ecozones Map, what additional questions do you have about climate or forests?

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