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3. Together, you will compose a poem about your landform.
4. The poem should be at least 10 lines long, and the poem should have **5 pairs** of rhyming couplets.
5. Your poem must contain a hand-drawn or a printed picture that relates to your landform.
6. Final copies must be typed or in blue or black ink or marker.
7. You will be presenting your poem on Monday. Each person in the group is responsible for reading at least two of the lines.

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**Sahara Desert**

**By Brittney Black**

**The Sahara Desert is very hot and dry;**

**If you don’t wear sunscreen you might fry!**

**When you visit you must bring water,**

**because every year it gets hotter and hotter!**

**Located in Africa at the top,**

**not many people will you spot.**

**Desertification is taking over the land,**

**causing there to be lots of sand.**

**There is not much rainfall here each year,**

**which is causing Africa to have a growing fear.**



Tropical Rain Forest

By Stephanie Hosch

In the rain forest there is lush plant life;

Monkeys, gorillas, toucans, and frogs can there find a wife.

The typical weather is humid and hot;

90 inches of rain fall each year—that’s quite a lot!

In the canopy are butterflies galore!

50% of Earth’s animals and plants—who could want more?

The cure to cancer might be found here;

But people keep cutting down what we hold dear.

We must stop deforestation as soon can be;

Or the end of the rainforest could be the end of you and me!



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