ANSWER KEY: Organize Information Collected from Sources: Elementary

Fill in 3 details from each source. Cut and paste from the reading or use your own words.

Prompt: Explain why the rain forest is an important habitat that must be
protected.

Finding Details in Your Sources [Possible student responses below]		
Source One: Jungle Life	 "Rain forests provide food and habitat for some of the most amazing animals on Earth." Tropical rain forests are found near the equator. The weather is sunny and hot. Rain forests get more than 100 inches of rain per year. 	
	 More than half the world's plants and animals live in rain forests. Rain forests are unique and unlike any other habitat. Deforestation is hurting rain forests and the plants and animals who live there. 	
	 Deforestation means cutting down trees. "Every minute, around the world, we lose an area of forest equal to 27 soccer fields." People can help by fighting to save rain forests. 	
Source Two: In Full Swing	 "²/₃ of the world's plant species are found in tropical rain forests." 75 inches of rain is needed for a place to be called a rain forest. 	
	 Monkeys live in the rain forest canopy. Spider monkeys swing from branch to branch. Spider monkeys hang by their tail and use their hands to hold food. 	
	• Spider monkeys eat fruit.	

Source Three: Hope for the Wild	 Peru has set aside a big chunk of the Amazon rain forest to be a national park. The area is called Yaguas. It stretches across 125 miles of the Putamayo River. Yaguas is home to 500 species of birds, 3,000 species of plants, and 160 species of animals. Yaguas is one of the most diverse spots on earth. There are jaguars and anteaters. There are dolphins and giant otters. There are many fish.
	 Keeping rain forests in good health is one of the best ways to fight climate change. 2 million acres of rain forest have been protected against deforestation. Protecting against deforestation means you can't cut down trees.
	 "Rain forests are vital to the health of the planet." Trees absorb carbon dioxide from the air and replace it with oxygen. More than 1,000 people rely on the rain forest for food.