

Costa Rica Natural Resources

Prediction : Use your prior knowledge to make a prediction about natural resources.

1. Think about the pieces of ceramic art that you observed. Based on this, what natural resources do you think are found in Costa Rica?
2. Where do natural resources come from?
3. How do you think natural resources could be used as art materials? What would artists do with these materials?

Research: Use the following Web sites to analyze Costa Rica's natural resources.

4. Go to the Web site <http://pages.interlog.com/~rainfrst/geog.html> to learn about the different regions of Costa Rica. Answer the following questions:
 - a. What countries and bodies of water border Costa Rica?
 - b. How many climate zones are found in Costa Rica?
 - c. What do you think the soil would be like in the mountains?
5. Go to <http://centralamerica.com/cr/info/> and read "A Brief History of Costa Rica". Answer this question: What kind of resources were used in the early days of Costa Rica? (Hint: What kinds of artifacts have been found? What other resources were used?)

6. Visit <http://www.travelcostaricaonline.com/costa-rica-geography.html> to learn about current natural resources. Answer this question: What types of natural resources are found in Costa Rica today?

7. Explore the maps at <http://www.costa-rica-life.com/map-of-costa-rica.html> to see the difference in regions. Click on the first map to explore in Google Earth.

Analysis: Compare your predictions to your research.

8. What did you learn about the natural resources in Costa Rica?

9. How did your prediction compare to your research?