South

America



**Half of the medicines in the world come from rainforests.**

**The trees in the rainforest also help clean the air we breathe.**

**South America**

The Amazon rainforest is facing trouble.

The trees are being cut down to make way for mining and cattle grazing, as well for wood.

**Solutions:**

The government and scientists are taking bold steps to slow down, and eventually stop, the destruction of the forest.

They are educating the

people in the area.

They have also increased police protection for those working to save the trees.

We can also do our part, by planting trees at home that will assist in cleaning the air!

**In Martin’s Time**

Clearing forests of its trees is not a current problem.

Martin lived during a period in America called ‘The Industrial Revolution.’

It was an era when large factories sprung up to make items that once required purchase from other countries.

It made America rich and powerful, but in the process our country lost some of its oldest forests.

Destruction made way for the factories, homes, and farms for a population that continued to grow.

In 1860, people began to realize the importance of what occurred and worked to reverse the damage.

To preserve the wilderness President Lincoln signed the Yosemite Grant on

June 30, 1864.

**Try to grow your own apple tree!**

**Follow the steps on**

**the next page.**

Trees play an important part in keeping our en- vironment healthy. You can help replace trees taken down in the South American forest by planting some at home.

Spring is a perfect time to begin the process of growing your own apple tree from seed. It is difficult, but not impossible.

Record the process and post it on social media with the #treeheroes

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| **Apple Seeds** |
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| Growing a seedlingfrom a seed .**Supplies:*** A container with

a lid.* Clean sand.

**How :*** Place a layer of sand on the bottom of the container.
* Put the seeds on top of the sand.
* Cover the seeds

with the sand.* Put the lid on and punch some holes in it.
* Put it in the fridge 3-4 mos.

\* Temp. at : 37-41F |
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| **Seedling** |
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| After 3 or 4 months in the refrigerator you should see a seedling starting.**Supplies*** A tiny garden pot.
* Potting Soil

**How:*** Place some soil on the bottom of the pot, fill

the pot 1/2way.* Place the seeds on top of the

soil* + Cover the seeds with soil.

\* Grow it indoors. |
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| **Sapling** |
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| Once the seedling is too large for the pot transfer it to a larger pot to grow the sapling outside.**Supplies:*** Larger pot and good potting soil.

**How:*** Fill the pot

half way with soil.* Create a ldip

soil about two times wider thanthe seedling.* + Plant the seeds and

cover. |
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| **Tree With Apples** |
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| Martin Van Buren planted 15,500, most likely grafted, apple trees for an orchard at Lindenwald.In doing so, he was one of the first in our area to make a large scale business out of apple growing.New York now produces over 20 different varieties of apples.Apples are one of the main crops in the Hudson Valley . It’s also where you can visit Lindenwald! |
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| Best Apple Picking Near NYC: Apple Farms & Orchards to Visit This ... |
| **Apple Tree in Bloom** |
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| It takes approximately 3-4 years for an apple tree to bear fruitand blossom.In mid-late May blossoming apple trees draw visitorsto orchards all over the country.The colourful leaves of apple trees again draw visitors for gazing in the sea- son of Autumn. |
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