



**BIOMES
VACATION**

BIOMES BOUND

Together you will be planning a trip to one of the major biomes of the world. But first you must answer these questions:

1. What is a biome?
2. How is it different from an ecosystem?
3. How is a biome related to an ecosystem?
4. What are the major land biomes that will be our focus?

Read the Introduction to Biomes sheet that is in your packet and work together to answer these four questions in your science notebook or on the bottom of the introduction page.

DESTINATION UNKNOWN

The first step in planning a vacation is to decide where you want to go. Watch each of these student created commercials to get an idea of what each biome is like. After watching all the commercials decide as a group which biome you would like to visit.

[TAIGA commercial](#)

[TUNDRA commercial](#)

[RAINFOREST commercial](#)

[DESERT commercial](#)

[DECIDUOUS FOREST commercial](#)

[GRASSLANDS commercial](#)

[MARINE BIOME/OCEAN commercial](#)

TIME TO DECIDE

Now that you have seen the commercials for each biome, decide as a group which biome you want to visit. Record your choice on the planning sheet in your packet.

LET THE PLANNING BEGIN

- In order to plan a vacation to your biome you will need to know more about what your biome has to offer and decide what time of year you want to travel there.
- You will need to work as a team to gather as much information as possible about the biome. Listen as your teacher explains the research requirements sent from your travel agent. Your team must collect and “pack” all this information so that you are well prepared for your trip.
- You can use the planning sheet in your packet to record who will be responsible for researching each topic. Once each person knows what they are researching they can take notes in their science notebook and share it with the group the next time they meet.

RESOURCES FOR BIOMES RESEARCH

- Books from library
- Sites on the HES fifth grade site
- Discovery ed
- Here are some other sites that might be helpful.

http://www.blueplanetbiomes.org/world_biomes.htm

<http://www.mbgnet.net/>

<https://online.kidsdiscover.com/unit/biomes>

http://www.ducksters.com/science/ecosystems/world_biomes.php

<http://www.indypl.org/kids/blog/?p=12827>

<http://www.enchantedlearning.com/biomes/>

I will post this powerpoint on my science lab website so that you can access these sites from any computer.