

# Create Your Own Rainforest!

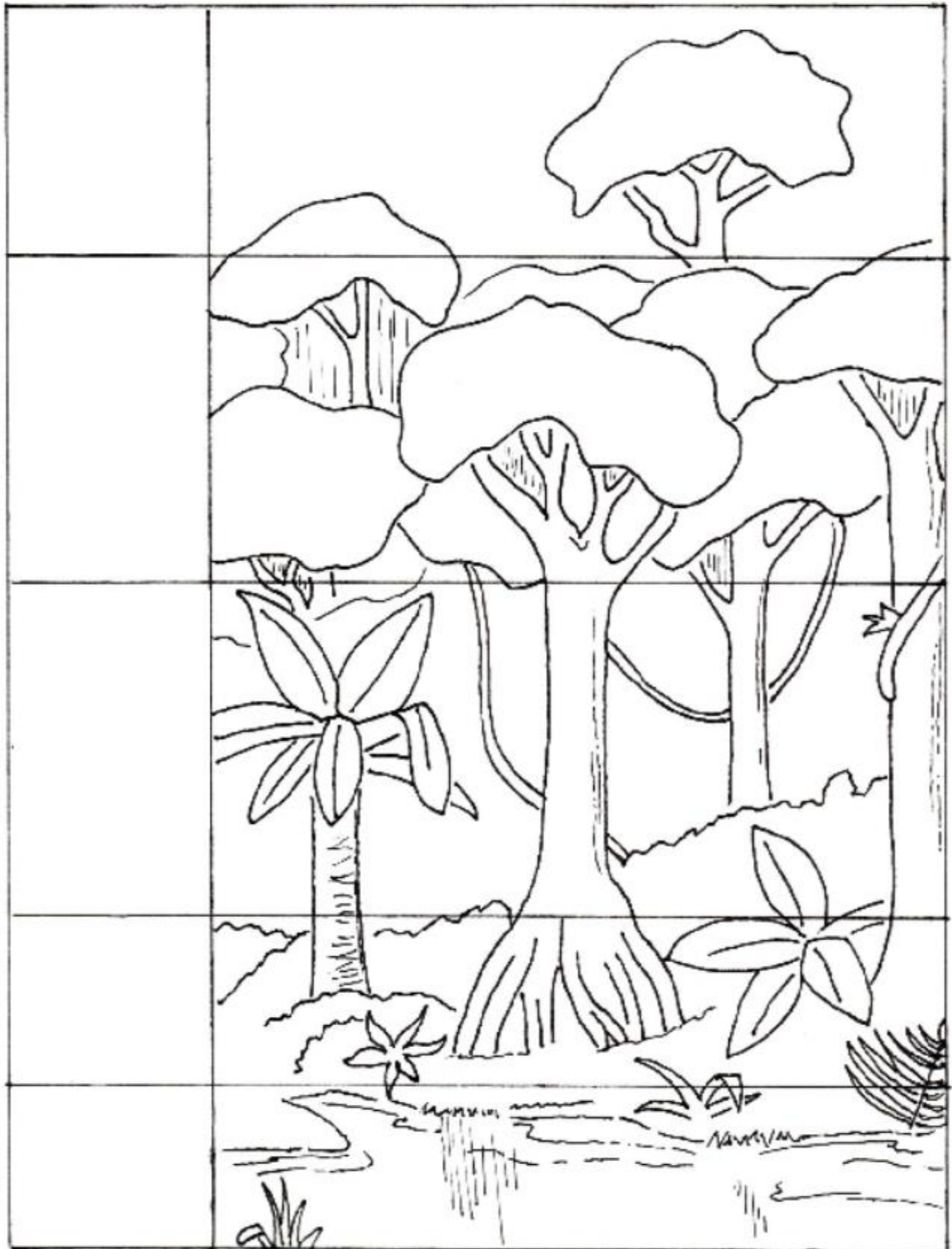
**First try out one of our rainforest activities: *The Animals of the Rainforest Layers* or *Exploring with Our Five Senses*, to learn more about the animals that live in the Amazon rainforest!**

## Ready to create your own rainforest?

1. Create your forest: Print out and color the picture on the next page. Or, if you are feeling especially creative, use a shoebox or other container to build a three-dimensional rainforest diorama.
2. Label the different layers of the rainforest. (You can use the answer key to help you name the layers and decide which animals to add to each layer.)
3. Add some animals! Choose some animals that live in the Amazon rainforest and add them to your picture by drawing, using rainforest stickers or printing out pictures from the Zoo's or other websites. You can find animals to add by:
  - a. Using the Animals of the Rainforest Layers activity,
  - b. Visiting "Animals A-Z" on the Smithsonian's National Zoo's website (<https://nationalzoo.si.edu/animals/list>),
  - c. Reading books about rainforest animals like:
    - i. *The Great Kapok Tree* by Lynne Cherry
    - ii. *Over in the Jungle: A Rainforest Rhyme* by Marianne Berkes
    - iii. *Rainforest Animal Adaptations* by Lisa Amstutz
    - iv. *A Day and Night in the Rain Forest* by Caroline Arnold
    - v. *A is for Anaconda: A Rainforest Alphabet* by Anthony Fredericks
  - d. Doing your own research by reading other books or websites about the rainforest!



# Layers of the Rainforest

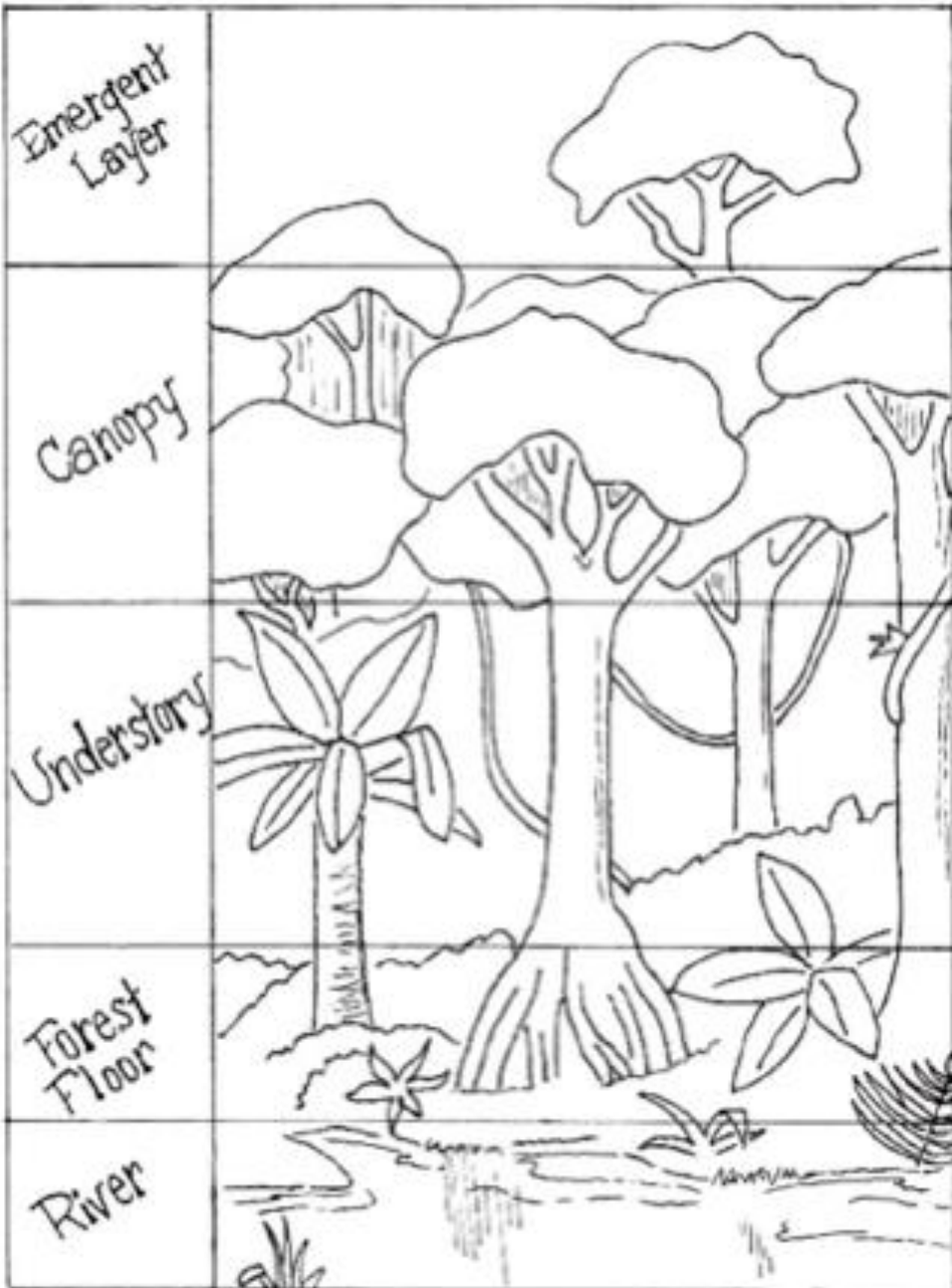


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### – Answer Key

#### Layers of the Rainforest

Emergent Layer		Harpy eagles, macaws, howler monkeys, butterflies
Canopy		Many species of monkeys, sloths, toucans, hummingbirds, bats, emerald tree boas, small parrots, butterflies
Understory		Ants, jaguars, southern tamandua (anteaters), many species of lizards
Forest Floor		Frogs, tortoises, ducks, rodents like agouti, giant anteaters, spoonbills
River		Turtles, fish, aquatic snakes like anacondas



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### – *Animals*

