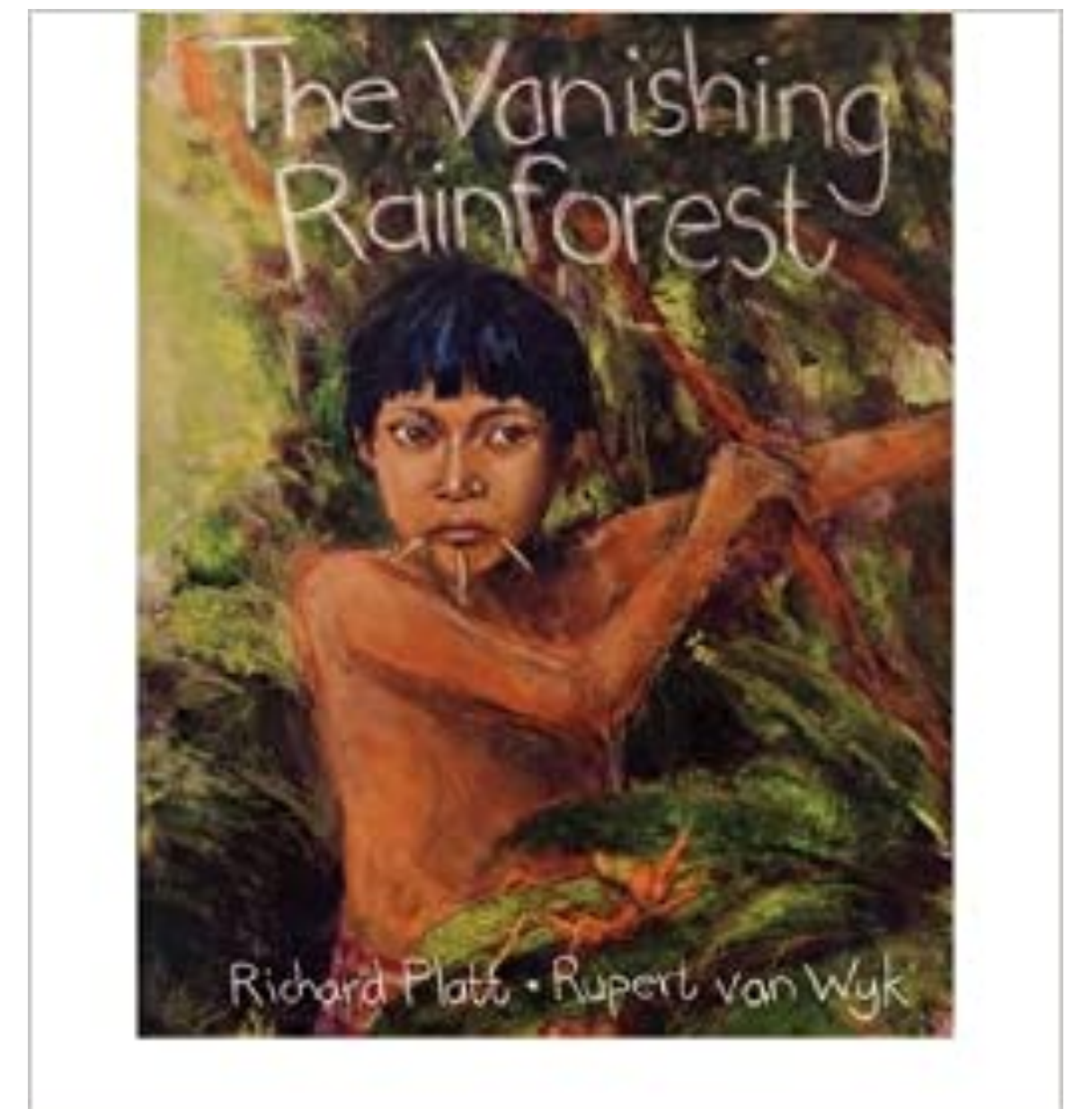


The Vanishing Rainforest

I can explore the concept of Social injustice.

Wednesday 3rd June 2020



Read through pages 12 to 13.

Points for discussion:

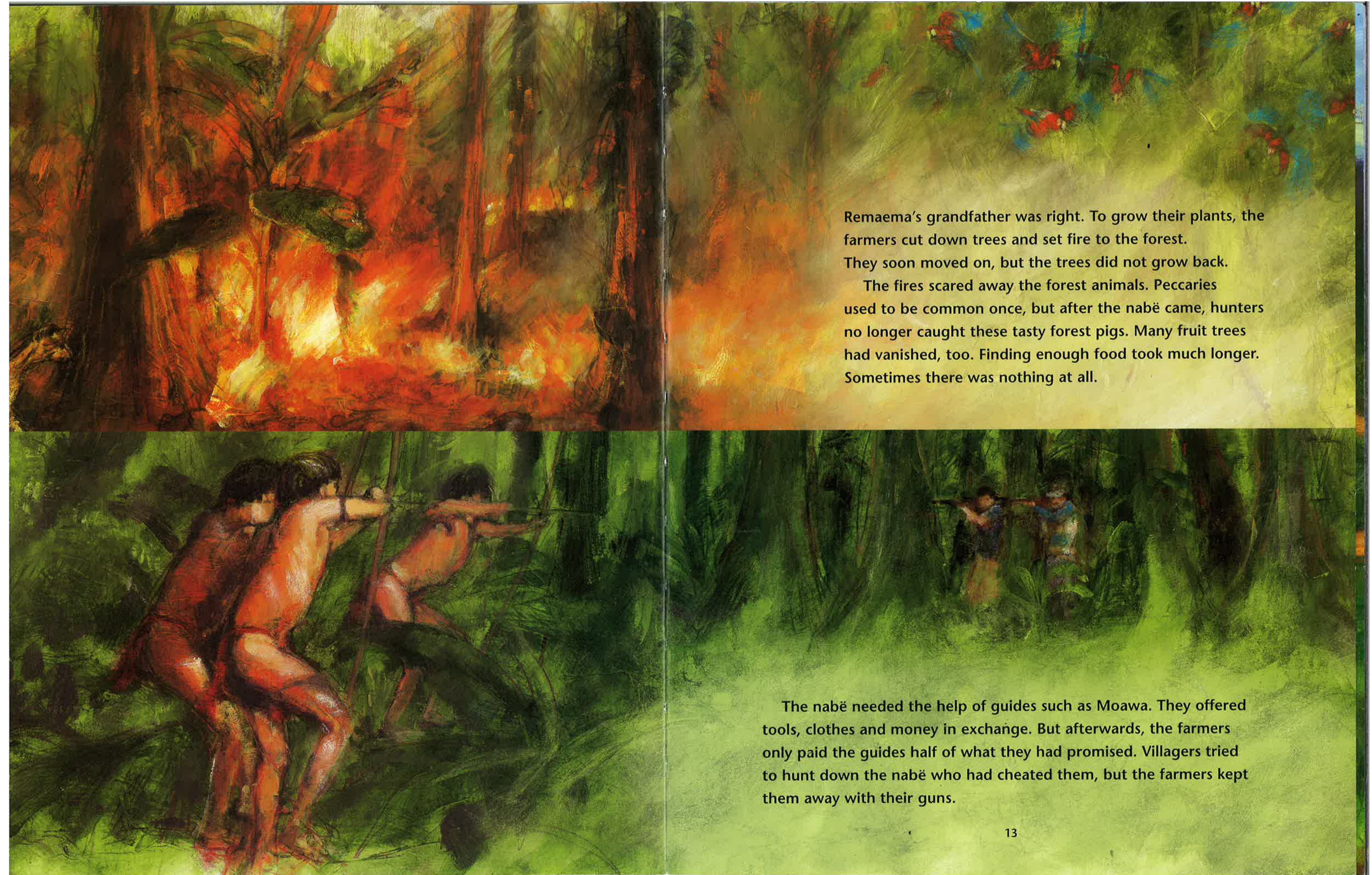
What is the problem?

Who are the privileged ones - the farmers or the nabe?

Why do you think so?

How did the nabe try to protect themselves and gain what they were owed?

What could be some of the effects of deforestation?



Remaema's grandfather was right. To grow their plants, the farmers cut down trees and set fire to the forest.

They soon moved on, but the trees did not grow back.

The fires scared away the forest animals. Peccaries used to be common once, but after the nabë came, hunters no longer caught these tasty forest pigs. Many fruit trees had vanished, too. Finding enough food took much longer. Sometimes there was nothing at all.

The nabë needed the help of guides such as Moawa. They offered tools, clothes and money in exchange. But afterwards, the farmers only paid the guides half of what they had promised. Villagers tried to hunt down the nabë who had cheated them, but the farmers kept them away with their guns.

Task - here are some statements that you need to carefully read through and then sort into a 'For' and 'Against' chart.



Deforestation





Amazon forest
before and after.

Deforestation – For and Against Arguments

Cut out these arguments about deforestation for pupils to sort into 'For' and 'Against' piles. They can then be used as discussion points in debates, or to support pupils in planning a piece of persuasive writing.

Deforestation provides us with essential products, such as some of our paper and toilet paper.

If deforestation continues at its current rate, there will be no rainforests on the planet in 100 years.

In 2050, it is estimated that there will be 10 billion people on the planet. We need more space to live in and deforestation will give us that.

There will be a negative impact on the environment because trees filter carbon dioxide out of the air that we breathe. If there are fewer trees, less oxygen will be produced.

Deforestation makes room for more crops to be grown which can then be used to feed more people.

Trees and plants absorb water from the ground and prevent the soil from becoming over-saturated. Therefore, deforestation will increase flooding.

It provides job opportunities for those who work in a forest clearing.

Indigenous people who live in the rainforests will lose their homes.

New roads can be built which makes it easier for people to travel and to work. This will help to boost the economy of certain countries.

Deforestation will make thousands of species of animals and plants that live in rainforests extinct.

Deforestation makes more room for grazing animals which can then be used for food purposes and other useful products.

Trees are a limited resource. If new trees are not planted, the products that they are used to make will one day run out.

