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The trees in tropical rain forests are important to nutrient cycling in the biosphere.

- a. Describe one role of the trees in the carbon cycle.
- b. Describe one role of the trees in the oxygen cycle.
- c. Describe one role of the trees in the water cycle.

Some rain forest trees are destroyed by burning, while some others are cut down and left on the forest floor.

- d. Describe one way that burning rain forest trees affects nutrient cycling differently than cutting them down and leaving them on the forest floor.