

## Solidarity Letter

### Writing Assignment – Elementary

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#### PART I: Learn

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE–Caritas Canada is an organization that helps people all over the world to take care of each other and to protect the Earth. The Amazon Rainforest is home to lots and lots of amazing people, plants and animals. It is a very special place on our planet, so it's important for us all to learn about the Amazon, and to protect it.

**WATCH** this animated video: [youtu.be/kxcRkBdnX0I](https://youtu.be/kxcRkBdnX0I)

Two of the groups that live in the Amazon are the 'Mura' (pronounced 'MOO-rah') and the '*seringueiros*' (pronounced 'Ser-in-GEER-os). They struggle every day to protect the Amazon Rainforest where they live and could use your encouragement!

#### PART II: Assignment

Write a short message (75-100 words) to the Mura and *seringueiros* to thank them for protecting the Amazon Rainforest. Don't forget to start your letter by writing "Dear Mura people and *seringueiros*,"

If have a [favourite animal that lives in the Amazon](#), why not tell them about it? Or maybe you'd like to include a short prayer for them. Be creative!

When you have finished your letter, ask your parent/guardian to scan or take a picture of it (or type it out). Make sure to email it to your teacher as well as [\*\*schools@devp.org\*\*](mailto:schools@devp.org) so Development and Peace can read your message!

Note: If you're able, you can also send your message in the mail to the following address:

**Development & Peace – Caritas Canada**  
c/o Schools Officer  
400-80 Hayden Street  
Toronto ON M4Y 3G2

Youth from Development & Peace will be hand-delivering all the letters received (including yours!) to the Mura people and *seringueiros*!