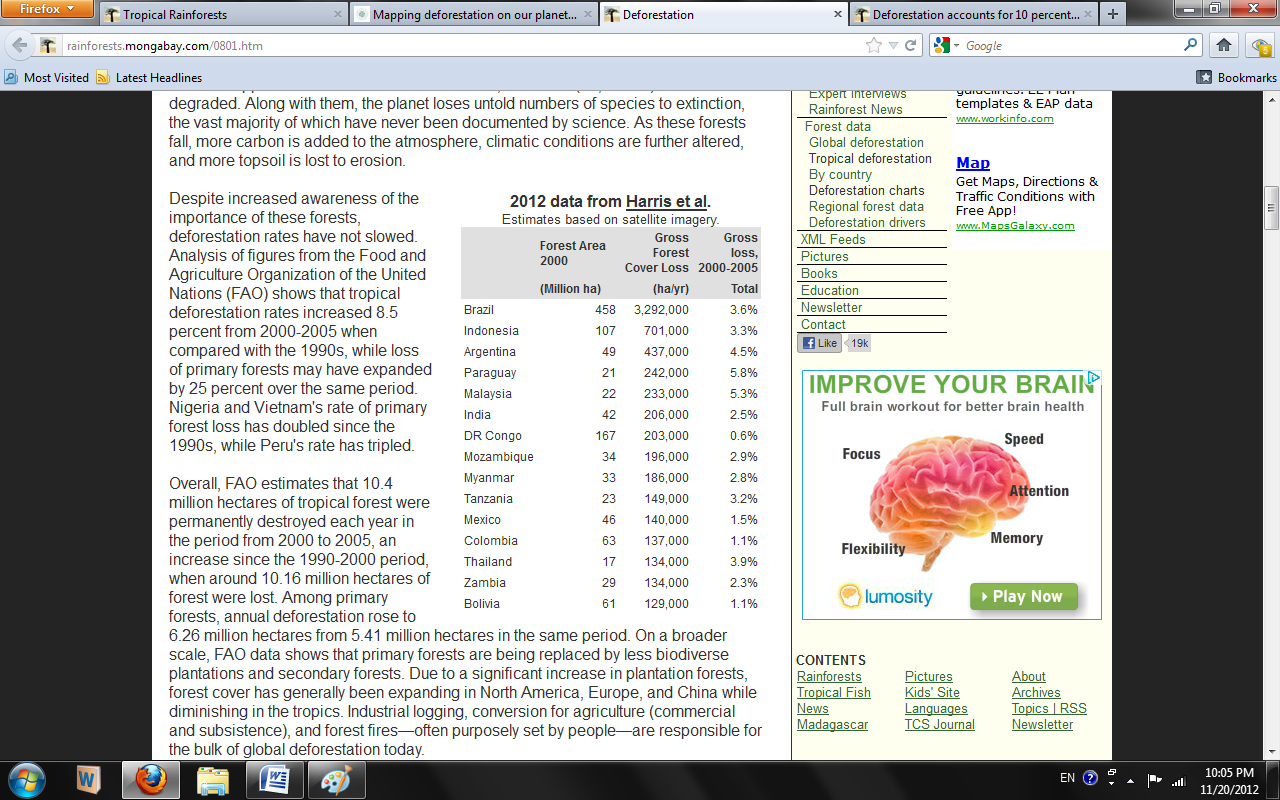


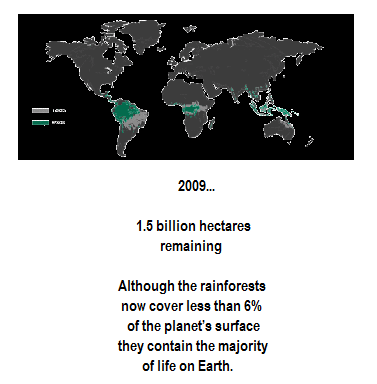
In 1800..

there were over 3 billion hectares of tropical rainforest worldwide, roughly 12% of the Earth’s surface.



***Why does this happen?***

* **Slash and Burn Agriculture**- When a farmer decides to plant crops and raise livestock, trees are cut down and subsequently burned. No new trees are planted and instead crops and animals are raised there.
* **Developing Real Estates and Resorts**- As more people move to suburbs, the demand for space increases. Developers looking to make a profit will mow down these areas.
* **Illegal Logging**- In some countries, selective logging is employed. This means only certain tree species may be cut down. In some areas however, logging takes place everywhere. People do this because the business is very profitable.



In 2009..

there were about 1.5 billion hectares, covering 6% of the Earth’s surface.

In the projected year of 2050..

If current rate of deforestation continues, it is estimated that only 20% of the rainforest will be remaining in 2050.