Lets look at the World's biomes!

LO: To understand what a biome is. To describe the different biomes.

What is a biome?

Scientists divide the world into large natural areas called **biomes**.

Each biome is known for certain kinds of plants and animals. But what's really at the heart of a biome is its **climate**.

What does climate mean?

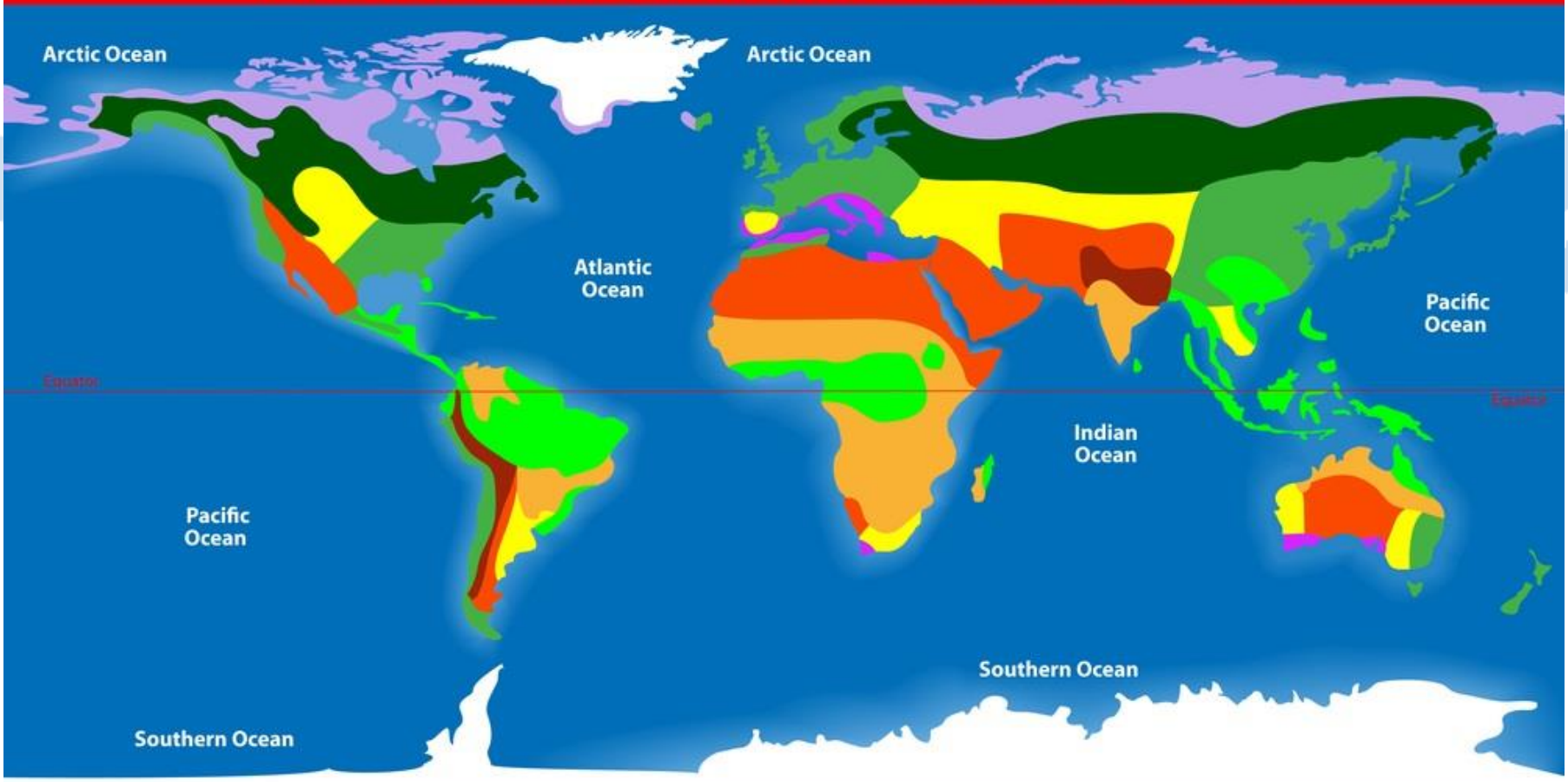
Why is climate important?

Climate is important because it determines the types of plants and animals—the ecosystem—that can survive in a biome.

Can polar bears survive in the Sahara desert?



The main biomes in the world



- Ice sheet and polar desert
- Tundra
- Taiga
- Montane (alpine tundra and montane forest)
- Mixed and deciduous forest
- Tropical rainforest
- Steppe
- Savanna
- Desert
- Mediterranean vegetation

We are going to focus on six biomes today

- Tundra
- Tiaga
- Deciduous forest
- Rainforest
- Desert
- Savanna

Poster

Each group is going to have one biome to focus on. Your job is to read the information given to you to create a poster to explain what is special about your biome.

Plenary

- Can you tell your partner what a biome is?
- Can you describe one biome to your partner?