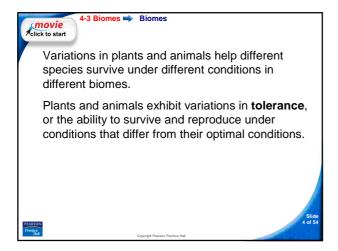
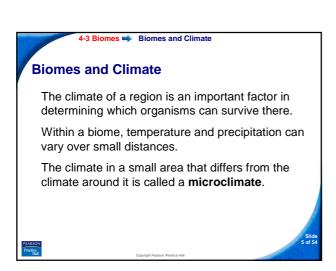
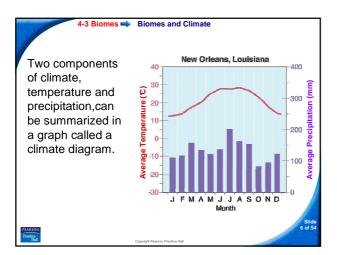
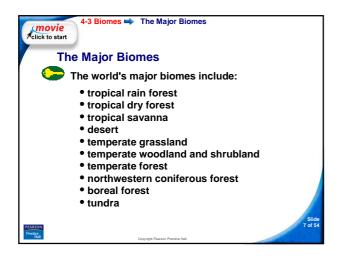


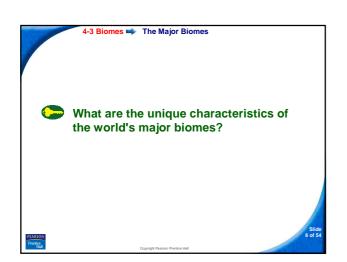
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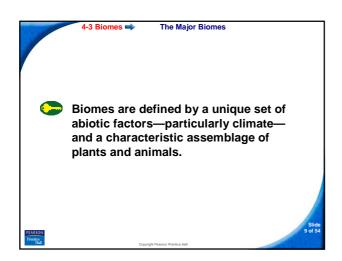


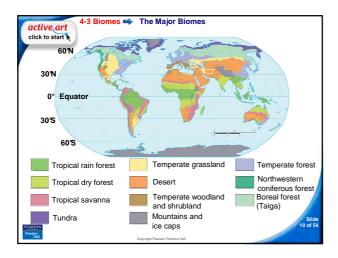














In the shade below the canopy, a second layer of shorter trees and vines forms an understory.

Organic matter that falls to the forest floor quickly decomposes, and the nutrients are recycled.



