**Who killed Chico Mendes and, more importantly, why?**

**Using the resources**

Activity 1:

* Read through the information board about Chico Mendes.

Activity 2:

* Now look at the list of suspects who could possibly have killed him. Discuss as a group how likely you think each one is to be guilty.

Activity 3:

* Read through the mystery cards to further your understanding.

**Preparing your role**

**Journalists and the press:**

* Interview the suspects to find out their views
* Interview the prosecutors at the trial – what evidence can they reveal to you
* What evidence does there seem to be on each of the suspects – why are each of them suspected for this crime?
* Do any of the suspects seem guiltier than others?
* Produce reports detailing the events as they unfold.

**Preparing your role**

**Suspects**

* Introduction – who are you and how do you use the Amazon Rainforest?
* Evidence that you did not kill Chico Mendes
* Who do you think is to blame if it’s not you?
* What do you want to tell the journalists? Can you use the press to your advantage?

**Preparing your role**

**Judge, jury and prosecution**

* Write questions to cross examine each suspect
* Who do you think killed Chico Mendes?
* What evidence do you have in support of this statement?
* You must consider each suspect
* Make sure you are ready with press releases for the journalists
* You will need to nominate a judge and put individuals in charge of interrogating particular suspects

**What will happen at the trial?**

* Judge opens proceedings in the Murder trial of Chico Mendes
* Judge calls suspects to the witness stand
* Prosecution interrogate suspects
* Suspects answer questions while prosecution and journalists take notes
* Prosecution decide on verdict and read to court
* Sentencing (by judge)
* Journalists produce final report

**Final activity (plenary)**

**Put together a short presentation for the class.**

**Think about:**

* + Introduction to Chico Mendes (Who is he, what did he do, why?)
  + Explain how he was trying to save the rainforest
  + Describe and explain why some people were against Chico and what he was trying to do
  + Explain what happened to Chico and why
  + Explain why he was killed, by whom and what happened to the murderer