

## DEFORESTATION

*Definition:* The clearing of forests from an area.

In Europe, people have been clearing the forests for thousands of years

- Wood for
  - building materials
  - heat
  - to clear space for agriculture

The existing forests are also dying from pollution (Acid Rain)

## ACID RAIN

1960's

People noticed the trees in central Europe (BLACK FOREST in Germany) were...

- Discolored
- Losing needles
- Dying!!!! -- **DEFORESTATION**

*Definition:* Rain containing high levels of toxins from factories.

Smoke-stack emissions >>>> mix with water vapor >>>> acid rain

- Wind carries acid rain to other areas too. **Northern Europe and Scandinavia** are hit the hardest because there are a lot of factories there and the winds blow the pollution in that direction.