

Jane Goodall

*“Every individual matters. Every individual has a role to play.
Every individual makes a difference.”*

Jane Goodall is known for her years of living with chimpanzees in Tanzania, Africa. She has been recognized and awarded many times for her ground breaking discoveries about the behavior of chimpanzees – she discovered that they make tools, eat and hunt for meat, and have similar social behaviors to humans. Jane completely transformed the way we understand chimpanzees and fought for animal rights.

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Discover

1. Jane Goodall was a primatologist, ethologist and anthropologist. Learn more about what those mean. How are they different? How did all of those things work together to give Jane a clear picture of the life of a chimpanzee.
2. Jane always dreamed of going to Africa! She saved up money from her many jobs and finally got the opportunity. Africa turned out to be

everything she had hoped for. The wildlife was fascinating, magical, and mesmerizing. What do you know about Africa? What are the names of some animals that live there? Take the time to research Africa and learn more about the country that Jane loved.

3. Jane had no formal training in observing chimpanzees so she did things a little differently than other anthropologists. For example instead of numbering the chimps like other scientists would have done, she gave them names and developed a unique relationship with each of them by giving them bananas. This allowed her to learn more about the chimpanzees than any other scientist had before. Can you think of a time you did something a little differently than other people? What was it? So often we are taught that there is only one way to do something, but sometimes when we think outside the box it can lead to great change and growth! Discuss how something you've done many times could be done differently.
4. Chimpanzees are our closet living relative in the animal kingdom. Jane learned so much about them while studying them in Africa such as how they make tools to eat their food, that they eat meat, and also observed the social behavior of chimps in the wild. Discover more about what Jane learned. What kinds of tools do they make? How do the males act compared to females? Learn how chimpanzees are more like us than we think!

Connect

5. From an early age Jane loved animals and nature. She enjoyed exploring gardens and observing the wildlife she found. Take a trip to the zoo and observe the wildlife or simply go outside and observe the birds, squirrels and insects in your neighborhood. What can you learn about them? Do they fly or crawl or hop? How do they get their food? Where do they live?

6. Jane had many pets including a snail, caterpillar, lizard, guinea pig, hamster and a canary. Talk about the pets you have. Are they as exotic as Jane's pets? Put together a list of your dream pets –if you could own any pet what would it be? What you name it? What are some things you would have to do to take care of your pet? Discuss with your group.

7. After her time observing chimpanzees in Africa, Jane became an animal rights activist and worked hard to protect the chimpanzee's habitat. She realized that deforestation was having a big effect on not only the wildlife in Africa but all the people's lives. In 1991, she founded Roots and Shoots which has become a global youth community action program to improve the environment for people and animals. Research and learn more about Jane's program. What are some other youth environmental organizations? Are there any in your area?

8. As a child Jane loved to read books about people communicating with animals. Some of her favorites were *Dr. Doolittle*, *Tarzan* and *The Jungle Book*. Do you have a favorite book about animals? Check one out from your local library. Discuss with your group what you learn.

Take Action

9. Do something kind for the environment! Maybe plant a tree, recycle, or clean up litter. What you do today matters to keep our environment healthy and thriving for years to come.

10. Jane had a deep love for all animals. Visit your local animal shelter. Gather donations such as toys/supplies that they made need or make some pet toys yourself. Animals also need to be walked and to be played with; see if your troop can donate time to play with the animals!

11. Jane believed in following her dreams. From the time she was a little girl she dreamed of going to Africa and writing books about chimpanzees. Now, as an adult, Jane tells young girls that they can achieve their dreams and do whatever they set their minds too. What is your big dream? Write it down. Nothing is too big or too far out of reach. Come up with a plan on how you are going to achieve your dream. Make a poster and hang it in your room to remind yourself what you are working towards.