

# DK Life Stories

## Jane Goodall

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#### Overview:

This engaging and accessible biography of Jane Goodall, famous for her work with chimpanzees, shows how her early life helped make her into a strong and purposeful woman able to fulfil her dream of living in Africa. It focuses mainly on how her work with chimpanzees in Tanzania changed how scientists understand the animals. The book is extensively illustrated and has a timeline and glossary to aid comprehension.

The book would make an excellent class reader, or it could be read aloud to the class as an example of narrative non-fiction. Before starting the classroom activities, it would be helpful for pupils to be familiar with the book as a whole.

#### Target:

Ideal for children aged 9–11 / Upper Key Stage 2.

#### Curriculum aims:

- Retrieve information from non-fiction texts
- Read books that are structured in different ways. Read for a range of purposes
- Explore scientific ideas and processes

Activities	Extension
<b>Activity 1: Descriptive writing (English)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Read aloud the description of Jane's first camp, shared with her mother (pages 32–35).</li><li>• Ask the pupils to pay special attention to the details. <i>What makes the camp special? What are the unusual features? How is it different from other places Jane had lived in?</i></li><li>• Read the passage once more.</li><li>• Now ask the pupils to describe one of their favourite spaces. Encourage them to focus on two or three specific details.</li><li>• Where appropriate, and if time allows, ask the pupils to read their compositions aloud to the class.</li></ul>	Pupils can use a print or online atlas to map Jane's route on the <i>Kenya Castle</i> ship from London to Nairobi.
<b>Activity 2: Family trees (History)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Draw or display Jane's family tree on the board (see pages 110–111). Talk with the class about Jane's relationship with the different people on the tree. Ensure that all the pupils understand the connections between the four generations.</li><li>• Put the pupils into pairs. Give each pair the name of a member of the British royal family, and ask them to research the family online to create a four-generation family tree.</li></ul>	Ask pupils to create either their own family tree (which can be completed at home, with help) or the family tree of a famous person they admire.

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<p><b>Activity 3: Chimpanzee project (Science)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Divide the class into groups and ask each group to prepare a six-page booklet considering chimpanzees' behaviour and habitat, and the dangers they face. The project could include pictures and maps as well as text.</li><li>• Alternatively, different groups could be asked to look at chimpanzees, mountain gorillas or orangutans as a tie-in to the Trimates' work (introduced on page 41).</li></ul>	<p>Ask pupils to work individually, or in pairs, to prepare a two-minute presentation on Tanzania.</p>

#### Homework:

From a young age, Jane dreamt of visiting Africa. Ask the pupils to write a paragraph about a country/area/continent they would like to visit, and why they would like to go there.

#### Key vocabulary:

**biography** – the story of someone's life

**family tree** – a diagram explaining how people in a family are related

**habitat** – the place where an animal or plant lives

**trimates** – three female scientists who studied primates: Jane Goodall, Dian Fossey and Birute Galdikas

#### Other DK books

This book is part of the *DK Life Stories* series. Other titles in this series include:

- *DK Life Stories Harriet Tubman*
- *DK Life Stories Nelson Mandela*
- *DK Life Stories Anne Frank*

