



TEACHING GUIDE

Jane Goodall — A Remarkable Woman (October 7, 2025)

i What? The death of Jane Goodall, **a scientist who studied primates (monkeys) throughout her career.**

u Who? **Jane Goodall was a well-known British scientist.** She spent her life observing chimpanzees in Africa and protecting animals and nature.

g Where? Jane Goodall died in California, USA, where she was still giving lectures on nature at the age of 91.

u When? She died on October 1, 2025.

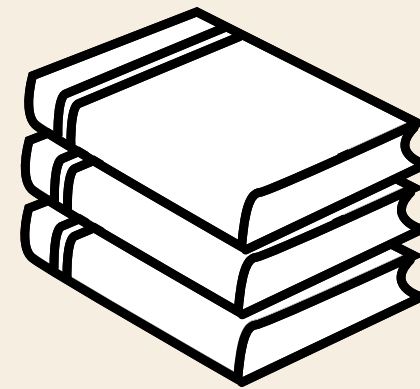
? Why is it important? **Because Jane Goodall changed the way humans view animals. Thanks to her, we now understand that chimpanzees have emotions, use tools, and live in families, much like we do.**

@ For this activity, your goal will be to learn more about Jane Goodall and gain a deeper understanding of her legacy.



OBJECTIVES

- Understand who Jane Goodall was and why she is such an influential figure.
- Discover her scientific discoveries and her approach to the relationship between humans and animals.
- Develop critical thinking skills in relation to environmental and ethical issues.
- Produce a personal and creative text to express what you have learned.



SUBJECTS

- English: reading comprehension and writing (paragraphs and letters).
- Science and technology: scientific discoveries about animal behavior.
- Social studies: the impact of a global figure and global issues.
- Citizenship: reflection on civic engagement and ethics.



COMPETENCIES

- English: reading a variety of texts, writing a variety of texts.
- Science: proposing explanations, communicating in science.
- Social studies: interpreting change, embracing diversity.
- Citizenship: exploring citizenship issues, taking a stand.



TIME

- About 60 minutes



GETTING STARTED

- Show a photo of Jane Goodall surrounded by chimpanzees (or show a short video clip of her in the field).
- Ask students: “Do you know this woman? What do you think she is doing in this picture?”
- Allow for a few spontaneous responses.
- Then explain: “This is Jane Goodall, a scientist and great environmental advocate who passed away in October 2025. Today, we're going to learn more about her and reflect on the legacy she leaves behind.”



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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

STEP 1 – A Sad News. Read a short text about Jane Goodall's death. Write down a word or phrase that comes to mind.

STEP 2 – Jane's Scientific Legacy. Watch the video “Jane Goodall on spending her life with chimpanzees”. Choose a topic (human-animal relationship or discovery about chimpanzees) and answer four reflection questions.

Human–Animal Relationship

- Jane Goodall discovered that chimpanzees share many emotions and behaviors with humans: they hug, kiss, hold hands, play, and show affection or anger just like we do.
- She realized that chimpanzees communicate through gestures and body language, which helped her understand their emotions and reactions.
- Her research revealed that humans and animals share a deep emotional connection, changing how science viewed animals at the time.
- Jane also learned from chimpanzee mothers like Flo, who was affectionate, protective, and supportive of her infants — even inspiring Jane in her own motherhood

Discoveries About Chimpanzees

- Jane observed that chimpanzees use and make tools, such as sticks to catch termites — a revolutionary finding in animal research
- She showed that chimpanzees feel emotions and can display both cooperation and conflict, just like humans.
- Her discoveries completely changed science: before Jane, people believed only humans could make and use tools.
- After years in Tanzania, she noticed how deforestation and hunting threatened chimpanzees. This realization motivated her to work with local communities to protect both the animals and their environment
- Today, Jane continues to inspire hope by teaching that every person can have a positive impact on the planet through awareness and action



STEP 3 – A Tribute to Jane. Guided writing of a tribute to Jane Goodall.



TO WRAP UP

- Review the main discoveries: what did Jane Goodall teach us about chimpanzees and the relationship between humans and animals?
- Ask the child to say in one sentence what surprised them most about Jane Goodall's life.
- Remind them together why it is important to protect animals and nature, as Jane Goodall has done throughout her life.

FURTHER EXPLORATION

- 📖 *Jane Goodall*. DK Life Stories (<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/animals/general-animals/jane-goodall-interview>)
- 📖 “Dr Jane Goodall Interview!”. *National Geographic Kids*. (<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/animals/general-animals/jane-goodall-interview>)
- 🎥 “A Conversation with Dr. Jane Goodall & The Kratt Brothers”. *PBS Kids* (<https://youtu.be/HmGUVnIXhwc?si=D4VAVpYTz6cnMEVZ>)

