

# JANE GOODALL

Jane Goodall is most famous for her study with chimpanzees, and her works about peace on earth. In fact, she is still working hard today, making speeches around the world, explaining why humans and animals should be treated fairly. Jane Goodall also is famous for her huge trip to Africa, and has written books about it. She has had a huge impact on the world today, by trying to make it a better place.

Jane Goodall was born April 3rd 1934, and grew up along the southern coast of England in Bournemouth. As a child, Jane was fascinated by animals. She loved reading "Dr. Doolittle" and "Tarzan," which caused her to imagine herself living in Africa with chimpanzees and apes, and writing books about them. "One day for my weekend library book Mum brought me *The Story of Doctor Doolittle*, by Hugh Lofting...I think that was when I first decided I must go to Africa someday." Another inspiration was Jane's mother. After reading "Dr. Doolittle," she helped her daughter look through all kinds of books about animals. That is part of how Jane Goodall became inspired to study animals and nature.

When Jane was in Africa, she made an important discovery that would change the world. When Jane was 22, she got a letter from an old school friend, asking if she would visit her in Kenya, (a country in Africa). To Jane, this was the chance of a lifetime. She worked as a waitress to collect enough money to afford a round trip ticket to Africa. Finally, she had a chance to study the animals she had dreamed of. After a little help from Dr. Louis Leakey, (a famous paleontologist of his time), Jane was ready to go out into the depths of Kenya. One day, Jane came across an amazing discovery, something some people didn't know was true. "He had actually made a tool. Before this observation, scientists had thought only humans could make tools. Later I would learn that chimpanzees use more objects as tools than any creature except for us." Jane also discovered that at first, the chimps didn't trust her and wouldn't let her come anywhere near them. However, over time the chimpanzees grew used to Jane's presence, and allowed her to get a closer look.

Jane Goodall believes that we humans have done a lot of damage to our earth. She is trying to get people to take action by influencing others through her speeches around the world. "The last word of hope I want to leave you with is that I'm traveling around the world, yes, I hear about the problems. Everybody wants me to write a letter, to mention this in my talk. But at the same time, more and more people are aware of the problems, and

I don't know a single problem where there isn't a group of people struggling to put that problem right. I think that's the greatest hope. There are more people awake and more people that are understanding that only when we link our clever, clever brain with the human heart-love and compassion-can we attain our true human potential." This means that Jane Goodall sees all the problems caused by humans like global warming, pollution, and overpopulation. However, she also sees people trying to put these things right.

Jane Goodall is famous for studying chimpanzees and teaching people around the earth about peace. Her inspiration to becoming a primatologist was caused by reading stories about animals, and by her mother and Dr. Leakey. Jane made a discovery that chimpanzees and other animals have feelings too, and matter in our world. Her studies, and belief in peace has lead her to become one of the greatest scientists of all time.

"Every individual matters.

Every individual has a role to play.

Every individual makes a difference.

And we have a choice:

What sort of difference do we want to make?"

-Jane Goodall

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