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## **UP**close: *Jane Goodall* **PRIMATOLOGIST**

a twentieth-century life by **SUDIPTA BARDHAN-QUALLEN**



While reading *Up Close: Jane Goodall*, ask your students to think about the following questions. Answers can either be written individually or discussed in groups to make for an interesting and thought-provoking classroom conversation.

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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- Why does the author include an introduction? What does this reveal about Jane, right up front?
- How did Jane's parents know she loved animals even as a child? List some examples to show this.
- What kinds of opportunities did Louis Leakey offer Jane? How do you think Jane felt to have a teacher and mentor like Louis?
- Why was Jane surprised that Louis considered her a candidate for his chimpanzee study? How did Louis know that Jane was the perfect person to take the job?
- Describe Jane's relationship with her mother, Vanne.
- Why aren't the chimpanzees afraid of Jane?
- What two major breakthroughs did Jane make in her observation study of the chimps? How do you know that Louis, and the scientific world, were proud of her achievements?
- What is ethology? In her study of ethology, what types of techniques did Jane learn? What obstacles did she face?
- Who was Baron Hugo van Lawick? How did he come to accompany Jane in Gombe?
- What positive and negative reactions did the public have to Jane's *National Geographic* article?
- How do Jane and Hugo deal with what they refer to as the "banana-feeding problem?"
- How do Jane's reputation and responsibilities change once she earns her PhD?
- What disease inflicts the chimps at Gombe? Where does Jane suspect the monkeys picked up the virus? What does she do to fix the problem?
- How do Jane and Hugo escape from the lions?
- What knowledge has Jane gained about animal births that she hopes to use in the birth of her child? Why is she not able to follow this plan?
- Why was Jane's book, *In the Shadow of Man*, considered a success?
- Who is Derek Bryceson? How does he impact the later years of Jane's life, especially her personal relationships?
- Why does Grub leave Africa? Where does he go?
- How does Jane inspire a youth program? What does the name "Roots & Shoots" mean?
- What does Jane think is the best way to stop habitat destruction? What does she do to achieve this?

## CRITICAL THINKING

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- Throughout Jane's life, she has shown many characteristics, such as bravery, determination, and an eagerness to learn. List some more of Jane's traits. Which one do you think most helped her to succeed?
- What do you consider to be Jane's biggest accomplishment? Is it a chimp-related project, a published writing piece, or something in her personal life?
- *Up Close: Jane Goodall* is a biographical text, but rather than list facts and dates, the book tells a story about Jane's life. Does this format help you to better understand the woman who championed the chimpanzee cause? How? What do the photographs add to the story?
- Why is it important for humans to study animals like chimpanzees? How did Jane's work at Gombe change the way people thought about chimps?