

## Process Paper

When brainstorming topics, we were drawn to Jane Goodall because we share a fascination with animal rights and scientific breakthroughs that positively shape the world we live in today. Thus, Goodall, a unique scientist and powerful activist, was the perfect candidate for our project.

We kickstarted our research by watching Jane Goodall interviews and reading her books to get a sense of her personality and passion for her work. Furthermore, we looked into the obstacles she faced for her unorthodox methods and the groundbreaking discoveries she made during her exploration of chimpanzees. We then studied the everlasting impact her studies had on primatology. Firsthand accounts of her earlier scientific conferences testify her admirable, unwavering dedication to primatology and her unique persistence despite hostility from other male scientists. In an in-depth interview with Dale Peterson, a close friend of Goodall's for over 20 years, he elaborated upon the individuality of Goodall's intuitive methodology and the improbability that another scientist could emulate her passion or her findings. Furthermore, he shed light upon how her persistence and fearlessness made her stand out as both a scientific pioneer and woman leader. In another phone interview, a modern day primatologist and professor, Craig Stanford, enlightened us, on how Goodall's methods have affected the primatological approaches used today and how Goodall personally influences his career. Additionally, Stanford stresses Goodall's legacy in inspiring women and children to follow their dreams. We then researched scientific male dominance and discovered the challenges women encountered when scientific careers. Lastly, *The Jane Effect* by Dale Peterson truly showed how Goodall's actions positively inspire not just aspiring scientists, but all people.

Given our strength in the aesthetic and organizational department, we chose to do a website that would engage readers through interactive experiences and directed evidence. Our website is structured around our complex, multi-faceted thesis. The NHD theme frames our main ideas, while our sub-topics are placed under the relevant ideas. Smoothly incorporated multimedia elements enhance evidence presentation and viewer engagement.

Historically, science had been dominated by men. Women were marginalized, paralleling the way animals had been repeatedly debased by humans. Above all, primatology was not considered a relevant focus of modern science at the time. Yet, Jane Goodall fearlessly defied these pre-existing norms by exploring the unknown realms of Gombe Stream National Park of Tanzania and its chimpanzees. Her journey with the chimpanzees resulted in groundbreaking discoveries that transformed our understanding of animals, and ultimately mankind. Upon encountering the scientific patriarchy, Goodall did not only face gender prejudice, but also received condescending criticism for her unorthodox approaches. Yet, as the world recognized her eccentric passion and credibility, humans deepened their respect for animals and nature. The legacy of her revolutionary work and activism, which continues to ignite inspiration all over the world, has been a cornerstone of advancing the conservationist movement and bringing awareness to the battle for animal rights.

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