

Activity 1: Meet the Great Apes

In the exciting new film *The Great Apes 3D*, scientist Holly Carroll introduces us to the fascinating apes whose lives and habitats are threatened in Africa and Asia. See how much you know about these primates. Match the picture of the great ape with the field notes describing that species. Use your own research as well as the information in the film to create a profile of one of the species you learned about. Cut your profile out along the dotted line below and display it on a Meet the Great Apes bulletin board.



1. Bonobo



2. Western Lowland Gorilla



3. Eastern Mountain Gorilla



4. Orangutan



5. Chimpanzee

Field Notes

A. _____

- live almost their entire life in the tree canopy
- opposable thumbs (like humans) and curved feet for gripping branches
- slow and awkward walkers

B. _____

- most intelligent of the great apes
- omnivores (eat animals, plants, and fruits)

C. _____

- red lips and long parted black hair
- sometimes walk upright and can spend up to four hours a day in the water

D. _____

- red hair on top of head
- knuckle walkers
- superb tree climbers

E. _____

- largest of the great apes
- live in family groups
- rarely seen drinking water because they get their hydration from the 60 pounds of vegetation they eat each day

My Great Apes Profile

Name of species	
Appearance	
Feeding habits	
Social structure	
Habitat location and characteristics	
Characteristic or habit that is most similar to humans	
Other information/special adaptations	