

Extra Credit Reading
THROUGH A WINDOW

Name: _____

1. What is the setting of the book?
2. For what purpose did the author go to that location?
3. What is an alpha? Give an example of one.
4. How did Goodall's mother contribute to the success of the program?
5. Why are chimpanzees used as substitutes for humans in medical research?
6. What did Goodall's observations of the female chimpanzee named Flo illustrate about the relationship between mother and child?
7. What milestone usually occurs during a chimpanzee's fourth year?
8. Describe a male chimpanzee's "charging display," and identify its purpose.
9. What aspects of community life are primarily the male's responsibility?
10. Name three traits of Goblin that ensured his eventual high status in the chimpanzee society.
11. Identify three similarities in chimpanzee and human behavior.
12. According to the author, what is the most significant characteristic that separates humans and chimpanzees?
13. Identify three chimpanzee behaviors that maintain social harmony and promote cohesion among community members.
14. How do most scientists explain the sharing of food among chimpanzees?

15. Why was the author thrilled to watch the chimpanzee called David Grey-beard trim a blade of grass and then use it to poke at a termite hole?

16. How did Project Washoe support Jane Goodall's suggestion that chimpanzees were capable of reasoning and insight?

17. Goodall states, "It is easier to study intellectual prowess in the lab, but more meaningful to study the subject in the wild." What does the author mean by this statement?

18. What did the author's observations about power struggles among male chimpanzees indicate about the importance of coalitions?

19. What did the author's observations indicate about the effect mother-child bonding has on child development?

20. According to the author, what is the main difference between patterns of aggression demonstrated by chimpanzees and those demonstrated by humans?

21. Suppose Goodall designed a new study to be conducted at Gombe. What would she likely include in her design?

22. What does Goodall believe to be humanity's greatest sin against nature? Do you agree? Explain why.

23. In the title, as well as throughout the book, Goodall refers to "looking through a window." What is that window? What does she see as she glances through it?

24. Did you like this book? Why or why not?

25. What did you learn about the scientific process by reading this book?