“Koko Speaks To Us”

Class Discussion Worksheet

Directions: After the second viewing, fill in the blanks below using the words that Koko the gorilla “speaks” to us with her sign language for English. Then follow the directions for the *CLASS DISCUSSION QUESTIONS* on page two.

*Meet Koko.*

*She uses sign language to talk to humans.*

*Koko:* ______________________________

*Gorillas are an endangered species.*

*Koko:* ______________________________

*There is something you can do.*

*Koko:* ______________________________

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CLASS DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Directions: Write short answers to share with other students in class discussion.

Question 1: How did you feel as you took notes from Koko’s “lecture?” Give reasons to explain your feelings.

Question 2: According to your viewpoint, did Koko use words to teach you?
If yes, what did you learn from her words?

Question 2: Do you agree or disagree with the following quote from scientist George Schaller? Explain your answer.

“No one who looks into a gorilla's eyes - intelligent, gentle, vulnerable - can remain unchanged, for the gap between ape and human vanishes; we know that the gorilla still lives within us.”
Meet Koko.

She uses sign language to talk to humans.

*Koko*: “I’m Koko. I’m a good gorilla.”

Gorillas are an endangered species.

*Koko*: “This makes me sad.”

There is something you can do.

*Koko*: “I need your help.”

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