

DIAN FOSSEY

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

Dian Fossey was an American zoologist who studied gorillas in Africa. Her research and life in the mountain forests of Rwanda made her famous. She wrote a book about her work, 'Gorillas in the Mist'. A major Hollywood studio paid her a million dollars for the movie rights. Her brutal murder in 1985 had to be added to the film.

Fossey was born in 1932. She became interested in animals from a very early age and enrolled on a veterinary course. At university, she studied occupational therapy, which would help her later research. She became interested in Africa in her late twenties. She took out a loan and went to Tanzania, where she met the man who would change her life, anthropologist Dr. Louis Leakey.

Fossey was encouraged by Dr. Leakey to carry out long-term research on mountain gorillas. In 1967, she set up the Karisoke Research Centre in the remote Rwanda rainforest. She became an international celebrity in 1970 after appearing on the cover of 'National Geographic' magazine. It brought huge publicity for her campaign to protect the mountain gorillas and save them from extinction.

Fossey was strongly opposed to zoos. In 1978, she tried to stop two young gorillas from being taken from Rwanda to a zoo in Germany. Twenty adult gorillas were killed during their capture. She also disagreed with "conservation tourism", which disturbs the animals' natural habitat. Many believe she was killed by those who wanted to make big money from gorilla tourism.

245 words
Flesch Kinkaid 8.9

SYNONYM MATCH: Match the words from the article on the left with their synonyms on the right. Are your answers the same as other students'?

Paragraphs 1 and 2

- | | |
|-------------|--------------|
| 1. research | a. young |
| 2. major | b. savage |
| 3. brutal | c. got |
| 4. early | d. studies |
| 5. took out | e. transform |
| 6. change | f. big |

Paragraphs 3 and 4

- | | |
|---------------|------------------------|
| 7. carry out | g. disrupts |
| 8. set up | h. dying out |
| 9. extinction | i. natural environment |
| 10. strongly | j. conduct |
| 11. disturbs | k. passionately |
| 12. habitat | l. started |

PHRASE MATCH: Match the following phrases from the article.

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. an American zoologist | a. would change her life |
| 2. Her brutal | b. natural habitat |
| 3. She became interested in animals | c. publicity for her campaign |
| 4. She took | d. save them from extinction |
| 5. she met the man who | e. who studied gorillas |
| 6. huge | f. money from gorilla tourism |
| 7. protect the mountain gorillas and | g. murder in 1985 |
| 8. Twenty adult gorillas were killed | h. from a very early age |
| 9. disturbs the animals' | i. during their capture |
| 10. those who wanted to make big | j. out a loan |

LISTENING GAP FILL:

Dian Fossey was an American zoologist _____ in Africa. Her _____ the mountain forests of Rwanda made her famous. She wrote a _____, 'Gorillas in the Mist'. A major Hollywood studio paid her a million dollars for the movie rights. _____ 1985 had to be added to the film.

Fossey was born in 1932. She became interested _____ very early age and enrolled on a veterinary course. At university, she studied occupational therapy, which _____ research. She became interested in Africa in her late twenties _____ and went to Tanzania, where she met the man _____ life, anthropologist Dr. Louis Leakey.

Fossey was encouraged by Dr. Leakey _____ research on mountain gorillas. In 1967, she set up the Karisoke Research Centre _____ rainforest. She became an international celebrity in 1970 after _____ of 'National Geographic' magazine. It brought huge publicity for her campaign to protect the mountain gorillas _____ extinction.

Fossey was _____ zoos. In 1978, she tried to stop two young gorillas _____ from Rwanda to a zoo in Germany. Twenty adult gorillas were killed during their capture. She also disagreed with "conservation tourism", which _____ natural habitat. Many believe she was killed by those who wanted to _____ gorilla tourism.

CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD:

Delete the wrong word in each of the pairs in italics.

Dian Fossey was an American *zoology / zoologist* who studied gorillas in Africa. Her research and life in the mountain forests of Rwanda made her *famous / fame*. She wrote a book about her work, 'Gorillas in the Mist'. A major Hollywood studio *repaid / paid* her a million dollars for the movie rights. Her *brutal / brutality* murder in 1985 had to be added to the film.

Fossey was born in 1932. She became interested in *animals / animal* from a very early age and enrolled on a veterinary course. At university, she studied occupational *therapist / therapy*, which would help her later research. She became interested in Africa in her late *twenty / twenties*. She took *out / in* a loan and went to Tanzania, where she met the man who would change her life, anthropologist Dr. Louis Leakey.

Fossey was encouraged by Dr. Leakey to carry *out / in* long-term research on mountain gorillas. In 1967, she set *in / up* the Karisoke Research Centre in the remote Rwanda rainforest. She became an international celebrity in 1970 after *appeared / appearing* on the cover of 'National Geographic' magazine. It brought huge publicity for her campaign to protect the mountain gorillas and save them from *extinction / extinguished*.

Fossey was strongly *opposed / opposite* to zoos. In 1978, she tried to stop two young gorillas from *was / being* taken from Rwanda to a zoo in Germany. Twenty adult gorillas were killed *during / while* their capture. She also disagreed with "conservation tourism", which disturbs the animals' natural habitat. Many believe she was killed by *those / them* who wanted to make big money from gorilla tourism.

SPELLING:

These jumbled words are from the text. Spell them correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. an American tzloooigs
2. Her acsrehre and life in the mountain forests
3. the movie isghtr
4. Her brutal dumerr

Paragraph 2

5. She became iedtrtnees in animals from a very early age
6. At university, she studied occupational aerthpy
7. in her late entsitwe
8. horgotitaplns Dr. Louis Leakey

Paragraph 3

9. carry out gnlo-mtre research
10. She became an international cilybetre
11. It brought huge uiptiydbl for her campaign
12. save them from oeinnittcx

Paragraph 4

13. Fossey was strongly eppoosd to zoos
14. Twenty adult gorillas were killed during their teuparc
15. the animals' natural ttaabhi
16. make big money from gorilla rsutomi

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () to a zoo in Germany. Twenty adult gorillas were killed during their capture. She also disagreed
- () Fossey was born in 1932. She became interested in animals from a very early age and enrolled
- () with “conservation tourism”, which disturbs the animals’ natural habitat. Many believe she was killed by
- () celebrity in 1970 after appearing on the cover of ‘National Geographic’ magazine. It brought huge
- () the man who would change her life, anthropologist Dr. Louis Leakey.
- () publicity for her campaign to protect the mountain gorillas and save them from extinction.
- () research. She became interested in Africa in her late twenties. She took out a loan and went to Tanzania, where she met
- (**1**) Dian Fossey was an American zoologist who studied gorillas in Africa. Her research and life in the mountain forests
- () up the Karisoke Research Centre in the remote Rwanda rainforest. She became an international
- () Fossey was encouraged by Dr. Leakey to carry out long-term research on mountain gorillas. In 1967, she set
- () her a million dollars for the movie rights. Her brutal murder in 1985 had to be added to the film.
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- () Fossey was strongly opposed to zoos. In 1978, she tried to stop two young gorillas from being taken from Rwanda
- () of Rwanda made her famous. She wrote a book about her work, ‘Gorillas in the Mist’. A major Hollywood studio paid
- () those who wanted to make big money from gorilla tourism.

SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

With your partner, put the words back into the correct order.

1. gorillas studied who zoologist American an

2. her in forests made life mountain Rwanda famous the of

3. book her She a about work wrote

4. late in twenties Africa She in became her interested

5. out to a Tanzania loan She and took went

6. Centre , up Research 1967 set Karisoke In she the

7. protect mountain her to the gorillas campaign

8. to young being tried two from she stop gorillas taken

9. were gorillas adult Twenty capture their during killed

10. from those to money tourism wanted big gorilla who make

DIAN FOSSEY DISCUSSION:

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What do you know about Dian Fossey?
2. Would you like to have met Dian Fossey?
3. What would you like to know about Dian Fossey and why?
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

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DIAN FOSSEY DISCUSSION:

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. What did you learn from this text about Dian Fossey?
2. What questions would you like to have asked Dian Fossey?
3. What would her answers have been to those questions?
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

DIAN FOSSEY SURVEY:

Write five questions about Dian Fossey in the table. Do this in pairs/groups. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.

Without your partner, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

Return to your original partner(s) and share and talk about what you found out. Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find more information about Dian Fossey. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. DIAN FOSSEY POSTER: Make a poster showing the different stages of the life of Dian Fossey. Show your poster to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all find out similar things?

4. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about Dian Fossey. Include an imaginary interview with her. Write about what she did every day and what she thought about.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

5. LETTER: Write a letter to Dian Fossey. Ask her three questions about her life. Tell her how important she is in today's world and how she is missed. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your "Dian Fossey expert" partner(s) will try and answer your questions.

ANSWERS

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ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Look at the text on page 2.