

## **NewsDepth Show Topic: 2009 is the Year of the Gorilla; Gorillas in Rwanda are a Big Tourist Draw**

### **Additional Information**

[More on gorillas from the San Diego Zoo](#)

[NATURE: The Gorilla King Web Pages](#)

[News Story - 35 year old gorilla Titus has died of old age](#)

### Mountain Gorilla Lesson Plans and Classroom Activities

Web Lesson Plan: "Rwanda's Mountain Gorillas"

Students will visit two Web sites in this lesson exploring the mountain gorilla, its habitat in the Virungas of Rwanda, and the effects of civil war on this endangered species.

<http://www.glencoe.com/sec/socialstudies/geography/owt2003/content.php4/187/5>

Meet the Mountain Gorillas Lesson Plan

National Standards included

Subject: Science

Grade Levels: 3-5

Students will identify their preconceptions about mountain gorillas and correct any misconceptions. Also, students learn characteristics of and threats to the mountain gorilla.

<http://www2.scholastic.com/browse/article.jsp?id=3750160>

Looking for Miza Lesson Plan

Standards included

Subjects: Social Studies

Grade Levels: 3-8

The lesson plans and printables will give students the background information they need to create an action plan to raise awareness of the problems facing the endangered mountain gorillas. Video highlights included from the Kids Gorilla Summit.

<http://www2.scholastic.com/browse/collection.jsp?id=404>

The Great Apes

Subject: Science – Animals

Grade Levels 6-8

Standards included in Lesson

Objectives: Students will understand that gorillas are highly intelligent animals.

<http://school.discoveryeducation.com/lessonplans/programs/greatapes/>

Gorillas in the Midst

Subjects: Science and Geography

Grade Levels: 6-8

In this lesson, students consider the idea of the "eco-tour" and examine different aspects of the Mountain Gorilla Project eco-tour in Rwanda.

<http://www.nytimes.com/learning/teachers/lessons/20020115tuesday.html>

Tracking Gorillas in the Midst

Subjects: Science, Technology

Grade Levels: 6-8

In this lesson, students investigate the technologies used in monitoring and tracking the habitat of the mountain gorilla to better understand how technology is being integrated into conservation efforts.

<http://www.nytimes.com/learning/teachers/lessons/20000411tuesday.html>

Spotting Mountain Gorillas in Rwanda: A Classroom Activity

Detailed article for students to read together about an adventure in Gorilla Spotting in Rwanda.

[http://www.gapyear.com/features/gorilla\\_spotting\\_in\\_rwanda.html](http://www.gapyear.com/features/gorilla_spotting_in_rwanda.html)

Mountain Gorillas in Rwanda: Photo Classroom Explorations, Slideshows and Diary

<http://www.pbase.com/mikeojohnson/rwanda>

<http://www.travelblog.org/Africa/Rwanda/Province-du-Nord/Parc-National-des-Volcans/blog-359653.html>

[http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap\\_travel/20080630/ap\\_travel\\_trip\\_rwanda\\_gorillas](http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap_travel/20080630/ap_travel_trip_rwanda_gorillas)

Uganda Mountain Gorilla Background Information-Facts-History-Behavior of Mountain Gorillas, Habitat and Diet and Predators

<http://kabiza.com/uganda-mountain-gorillas.htm>