

Non-Human Primate Research Paper Guidelines (60 points total)

For this assignment you must research and write a minimum **2-page** paper on one of the **Non-Human Primates provided from the list below. You may only choose ONE.**

- 1) Chimpanzees
- 2) Gorillas
- 3) Bonobos
- 4) Orangutans
- 5) Golden-headed lion tamarin
- 6) Toque macaque
- 7) Silver Lutung/ Silver langur
- 8) Mandrill sphinx baboon (Mandrill)

You are to research and write a minimum **2-page** research paper in your own words discussing one of the non-human primates from the list provided. In order for you to receive full credit for the **Non-Human Primate Research Paper**, **your paper must include:** a picture of your non-human primate or drawing, be at least **2-pages** long (not including your picture or bibliography), typed, double spaced, 12 pt. font, be in Times New Roman style, page numbered, 1-inch margins, free from spelling/ grammatical errors, sources properly cited, include a bibliography with a minimum of **5** reputable sources (DO NOT use Wikipedia), and the paper must be in MLA style guide. The MLA style guide can be found online and downloaded for free. Do **NOT** quote more than 10% in your paper for all sources used. The paper must also be in the following format:

Introduction: This is where you will introduce your non-human primate and provide background information on the species (Who, When, Where, What?). Discuss who discovered your species, where your species is geographically found (in the wild), how your species was discovered, the significance of your species name(s) (both scientific and common name), is your species an ape or monkey, and if so, what type of ape or monkey, the status and conservation, is your species currently on the endangered species list. This is also where you will discuss why you selected this particular non-human primate to research over the others. Do not quote more than 10% in your paper for all sources used.

Content/ Body: provide a detailed physical description of your non-human primate (both males and females), sexual dimorphism (height, weight, canine size, sagittal crest, etc.), typical group size (male to female composition), mating patterns (monogamy, polyandry, etc.), parental investment, gestation period, diet (including seasonal food items), loco-motor patterns, age-span (both in the wild and captivity), foraging techniques, display of estrus, tool use/technology, territory control/defense, common geographical predators (what your species is preyed on by), dominance hierarchies, behavioral displays, and how genetically related your species is to modern homo sapiens. You may also include anything else your found interesting or relevant.

Conclusion: describe how the concepts you learned in class and the textbook concerning the study of primates enabled you to gain a better understanding of your non-human primate. Discuss what research is currently being done to better understand the species/conservation. Discuss current research and news on your species. You may also provide your opinion on your non-human primate. Do not quote more than 10% in your paper for all sources used.

Bibliography: cite all sources (DO NOT use Wikipedia) in MLA style guide, both in your paper and in the bibliography.

HAVE FUN!!

****NOTE:** You must follow these directions in order to receive full credit for this assignment. Please make sure you devote enough time to this assignment and that you conduct your own research. This assignment is an interesting and insightful opportunity for you to learn about the behavior of some of our closest evolutionary relatives.