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1. What is Bigfoot typically described as?

a large, ape-like animal

a giant, rodent-like creature

a giant bird

a large, wildman

2. In which American state(s) have sightings of Bigfoot been reported?

Montana and Washington

California

Oregon and New Mexico

California, Oregon, and Washington

3. What does the Patterson-Gimlin purport to show?

a set of Bigfoot footprints

the remains of a dead Bigfoot

a Bigfoot walking through a forest

a gorilla that looks like a Bigfoot

4. What is a Gigantopithecus?

a cryptid

an extinct genus of ape

any kind of Chinese fossil

a kind of tough plant material

5. In which countries have fossils of Gigantopithecus been found?

China, Vietnam, and India

China and the United States

the United States, Mexico, and Canada

Russia and Mongolia

6. What is the main difference between Bigfoot and Gigantopithecus?

One lives in a forest, and one lives in a jungle.

One has big feet, and the other doesn't.

One is a herbivore, and one is a carnivore.

One is a cryptid, and one is an extinct species.

Discuss these questions with a friend or classmate.

1. What information from the lecture did you find the most interesting? Why?
2. Do you think Bigfoot might be a real animal? Why? / Why not?
3. If Bigfoot is real, do you think they may be intelligent? Why? / Why not?
4. If Bigfoot is real, do you think they may be dangerous? Why? / Why not?
5. What other cryptids might there be in the world (animals that have been claimed – but not proven – to exist)?
6. What three questions would you like to ask a Bigfoot?

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Bigfoot, also known as Sasquatch, is a cryptid, or an animal that is said to exist but for which there is no scientific evidence. The creature is typically described as a large, ape-like being that lives in the forests of North America. It is said to be covered in hair and to walk on two legs.

Despite the lack of scientific evidence, many people claim to have seen Bigfoot. Sightings of the creature have been reported in various parts of North America, including California, Oregon, and Washington. Some people have even claimed to have taken photographs or made casts of footprints that they believe belong to Bigfoot. However, most of these claims have been debunked as hoaxes or misidentifications of other animals.

One of the most famous pieces of evidence for Bigfoot is the Patterson-Gimlin film. Filmed in 1967, the film purports to show a Bigfoot walking through a forest in California. However, many experts have analyzed the film and concluded that it is a hoax, likely featuring a man in a gorilla suit.

One more thing that must be mentioned, however, is Gigantopithecus. Gigantopithecus is an extinct genus of ape that lived in Asia between 2 million and 300,000 years ago. The largest species, *G. Blacki*, is estimated to have stood up to 10 feet tall and weighed up to 1,200 pounds. Fossils of this giant ape have been found in China, Vietnam, and India.

Unlike Bigfoot, there is scientific evidence for the existence of Gigantopithecus. Fossils of the ape have been found and studied by scientists, and scientists have reconstructed the ape's appearance and lifestyle based on this evidence. It is believed that *G. Blacki* was a herbivore and lived in forests. Unlike living apes, it walked on two legs at times, and its jaws and teeth suggest it ate tough plant material. It is unlikely, however, that Gigantopithecus and Bigfoot are related. The former is an extinct ape species, and the latter is a cryptid.

Despite the lack of scientific evidence, Bigfoot remains a popular subject of study and discussion among cryptozoologists and the general public. Some believe that the creature is a surviving population of an undiscovered primate species, while others believe that it is a modern-day version of a legendary creature from Native American folklore.

In conclusion, while there is no scientific evidence to support the existence of Bigfoot, the creature continues to be the subject of much speculation and debate. Nevertheless, it is important to approach the study of cryptids with a healthy dose of skepticism and to remember that the burden of proof lies with those who make claims about their existence.

ANSWER KEY

1. a large, ape-like animal
2. California, Oregon, and Washington
3. a Bigfoot walking through a forest
4. an extinct genus of ape
5. China, Vietnam, and India
6. One is a cryptid, and one is an extinct species.