

Science Lesson: Is Bigfoot Real?

Is bigfoot real? What could be more appealing than a scientific mystery? Students probably already know that zoology is the study of animal life. They may be surprised to learn there are scientists whose work focuses on learning whether animals like bigfoot or Sasquatch actually exist. The study of creatures that are – for now – only legends is called cryptozoology.

- * Look up “crypto” in the dictionary. How did cryptozoology get its name?
- * Discuss why bigfoot would be studied by someone interested in this branch of science.
- * Help students research some of the evidence presented about whether bigfoot is real (both for and against). From a scientist's viewpoint, which evidence seems most convincing?
- * Is Bigfoot real? Ask students to use the evidence they find to draw conclusions about whether this creature is real or only a myth.