

# MEET THE MOUNTAIN GORILLAS

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Mountain gorillas live in Africa. About 380 live in the forests of the Virunga (Vee-ROON-gah) Mountains. It rains a lot and the air is damp and cool. Of the three parks in this area, Virunga National Park is home to the most mountain gorillas. The rest of the world's mountain gorillas—about 340—live in another national park in Uganda.

Virunga National Park was created in 1925. It is Africa's oldest national park. It is also home to more kinds of birds and mammals than any other park on the continent.

**Use this map of Africa and the Internet to answer the questions and learn more about the mountain gorillas' home. Write answers on a separate sheet of paper.**



1. On which continent do mountain gorillas live?
2. What bodies of water are found around the continent?
3. About 340 mountain gorillas live in a national park in Uganda. Is this country east or west of the Democratic Republic of the Congo?
4. About half of the world's mountain gorillas live in the Virunga Mountains. Through Internet research, find these mountains on a map of Africa. The mountains rise along the sides of which three countries?
5. The United States is thousands of miles away from Africa. Why is it important to save an animal that lives so far from our country? As people work to protect the place where the mountain gorillas live, what else will they help save?