

Does the Yeti Exist?

The Yeti is described as an ape-like creature which is taller than an average human, said to inhabit the Himalayan region of Nepal, Bhutan and Tibet.

Many explorers, particularly in the Mount Everest area, have reported seeing evidence of this so-called legendary animal. Sometimes referred to as the abominable snowman, stories about the snow dwelling half man or half ape have been popular since the late nineteenth century.

However, reports really begin in 1921, when Lieutenant-Colonel Charles Howard Bury was undertaking the British Mount Everest Expedition, he reported finding larger than usual footprints of a two-footed creature.

Four years later, photographer NA Tombazi reported seeing “a figure with an outline exactly like a human being, walking upright. It showed up dark against the snow, and wore no clothes”.

On Mount Everest in 1951, Eric Shipton took photos of large footprints in the snow. Some scientists have argued these photos are the best evidence of Yeti existence, but others have explained them as being the prints of ordinary creatures, which were altered in the melting snow.

In 1983, conservationist DC Taylor and historian Robert L Fleming Jr led an expedition in Nepal and reported seeing large footprints. The skulls they returned for analysis, however, belonged to Asiatic black bears.

In December 2007, American TV presenter Joshua Gates led a team to Mount Everest and found footprints measuring 33cm long and 25cm across, with five toes. He also found hair samples which when analysed, contained “unknown DNA samples”.

Some researchers have dismissed claims of a large two-footed creature in the Himalayas, as the animal would be too heavy to walk on just two feet and would really need four.

Does the Yeti Exist? Persuasive Writing

Decide whether you are going to write for or against the existence of the yeti, using the evidence in the text.

Highlight parts of the text to support your argument.

Use strong adjectives to challenge the reader to agree with your opinion.

Remember only to use the information presented in the text.

Paragraph 1 (your opinion which you are going to discuss in this text)

I believe that _____

Paragraph 2 (your reasons, with close reference and quotation from the text given)

My first reason for this is _____

Paragraph 3 (Your next reason, with reference to the text given)

My second reason for this is _____

Paragraph 4 (concluding your argument and your final summing up of what you think)

It could be said to be undisputable because _____

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Paragraph 1

Introduce the reason you are debating this topic.

Paragraph 2

Refer to one piece of the text to back up your opinion.

Paragraph 3

Refer to another piece of the text to support your opinion. Use rhetorical questions and strong adjectives.

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Paragraph 4

Refer to information opposing your opinion, explaining why they cannot be relied upon.

Paragraph 5

Concluding paragraph to sum up your opinion.

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Introductory paragraph

Paragraph 1

Paragraph 2

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Paragraph 3

Concluding paragraph
