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Lo: To write a biography of David Attenborough

David and his family grew up in Leister, England, he lived with his parents and 2 brothers. His father was the head of local university and they lived on campus: a lovely environment that encourages inquisitive behaviour and sparks an interest in the natural world.

David was intrigued by nature so he would go on bike trips to collect fossils and plants (he was fascinated by animals too).

One Saturday morning, David received an unusual gift from a friend. How peculiar! Curiously, he tore open the packaging to reveal a dried seahorse. It looked as weathered as an old rock.

He was so intrigued by this gift for his collection that it gave him some sort of spark; that was the moment he knew that becoming a naturalist would be his forever job. Could this be the start of something special?

Determined to dive into his love of the natural world, David was proudly awarded a scholarship to Cambridge University 1945. His passion for nature grew and he was given a degree in Natural Science. However, despite being an adept scholar, he didn't feel satisfied enough with observing animals inside books - he wanted to get out and see them inside their natural habitat.

In 1957, David Attenborough began his career into broadcasting when television was shown in just black and white. Ten years into his presenting career, the screen could be observed in full colour, like a rainbow emerging after a storm. However, the excitement and laughs from the studio could not compete with the elephants stomping and the sound of the wild birds squawking.

Over the following decades, David explored the world, adventuring across gorgeous, exotic sights and searching through lush, green forests in search of a new species - making him one of the most accomplished naturalists on the planet.

As time passed, David has brought together audiences of all generations with his documentaries and television shows.

Some people love his kind, caring personality towards humans and animals whilst he works hard to make our planet a better place. Many others also call him an inspirational person with a kind heart. Animals love him for the kindness and compassion he shows to the animals and their homes and habitats. Queen Elizabeth II (ruler of the United Kingdom) is quoted as saying "He truly is a national treasure."

Throughout David's career, he has received several rewards to represent his amazing work. In 1980, David was awarded the Lifetime Achievement award in recognition to his outstanding contribution to the entertainment industry. During the last 20 years, his programme Blue Planet has been gifted many awards and prizes including Emmy and Bafta awards. The best award he had won was his valuable knighthood.

During his lifetime, Sir David Attenborough has come to represent many things: his passion for all nature and animals and being an inspiration to everyone around him. He has a kind, patient persona with an outstanding, good influence to the planet.

Sir David's legacy will continue, echoing through history.

He has been so amazing and inspiring to the world for years now with his unique, powerful words: "We can now destroy or we can

cherish the truth is ours."