

No Time for Bullies: Baboons Retool Their Culture

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After reading the New York Times article, answer the questions below, using complete sentences, on a separate sheet of paper.

1. What happened to the Forest Troop around 1984?
2. What type of males were left after the event?
3. How did the event change the overall behavior of the troop's members?
4. How does living in a contentious environment affect stress levels in monkeys?
5. Give two examples of a learned social behavior, at least one from outside the reading. If you're stuck on this, think about things you do on a regular basis that you learned from friends or family.
6. What do you think the author means by “diplomacy is infectious?”
7. What do male-male fights in Forest Troop look like?
8. How does this compare to a baboon's usual pattern of aggression?
9. How is a female baboon's position in the troops hierarchy determined?
10. What is your reaction to this article?