

Discussion Questions for *Koko's Kitten*

- "How does the author teach Koko sign language?"
- "How does Koko treat All Ball?"
- "Do gorillas really have feelings?"

"What does Koko mean when she signs 'Blind'?"

"Will Koko get another kitten?"

"Why did Dr. Patterson want to tell this true story?"

"What have you learned about gorillas that you didn't know? Has it changed the way you feel about kittens and gorillas?"

"How would this book make other people feel about gorillas?"

Share with the group about one of your pets and how you take care of it. If you don't have a pet, share about a pet you would like to have and how you would take care of it.

What are the different methods/ways Koko communicates with her trainer? State a method and give an example.

What are the range of emotions Koko demonstrates? Give examples (i.e. what triggers each emotion).

What is the range of intelligence Koko demonstrates? Give examples.

What does the story reveal about similarities and differences between gorillas and humans?