

Student Comprehension Worksheet

Directions: Read the online *Science News* article "[A rope bridge restored a highway through the trees for endangered gibbons](#)," then answer the following questions. A version of the story, "A rope bridge restored an ape highway," can be found in the November 21, 2020 issue of *Science News*.

- 1. What happened on China's Hainan Island in 2014? How did the event affect the island's gibbons?**
- 2. Based on the information given in the article, how would you define habitat fragmentation?**
- 3. In general, why is habitat fragmentation bad for gibbons?**
- 4. What solution did scientists come up with to repair the damage?**
- 5. How did gibbons respond to the scientists' solution? Did all gibbons respond in the same way?**
- 6. How did the gibbons' response compare with the scientists' expectations?**
- 7. What does primatologist Susan Cheyne say about the solution's potential for wider use?**
- 8. Could the solution benefit animals other than primates? Explain.**