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Little or Bigfoot?

Bigfoot is a legendary creature whose existence has fueled debate for years. The main controversy is whether Bigfoot is real or just a myth. Despite extensive efforts by hunters and explorers to prove its existence, no concrete evidence has been found. This uncertainty has led to varying stories and opinions—are these tales fabricated, or is there something out there? Ultimately, the argument comes down to whether Bigfoot is a real creature or just an enduring legend.

Why is Bigfoot so mysterious? Perhaps because there are many stories about this creature, or because there is no evidence to support its existence. When did Bigfoot really come around and why? Bigfoot has been around since 1958, when a journalist named Andrew Genzoli wrote a letter in Northern California, saying “he’d simply thought the mysterious footprints made a good Sunday morning story”. (Genzoli) So again, another story about this creature that no one has seen but yet caught people's attention, but why?

What makes Bigfoot so unique that people get so caught up in this critter? Is it because it can be 6 to 15 feet tall, or what about how hairy and smelly it can be? Is it only an eye catcher because of its features? In *Anatomy of the Beast*, it states that “He believed Bigfoot ate carrion, which would explain its widely reported odor”. (McLeod 10) “Height below eleven feet seems to be the tallest reliable report”. (11) How many people say things about Bigfoot or even exaggerate when telling stories?

People enjoy telling stories, especially a story that's gonna give you goosebumps. There are people who like a scary story about Bigfoot, and then there are people who are obsessed with getting to know Bigfoot. In the article, *The Shape of Bigfoot*, it states, “it also exists as an object which some people organize their lives around”. (Lewis and Bartlett) Some people will go out and collect evidence, and they are called Bigfooters. (Lewis and Bartlett) People will dedicate their lives to this monster, yet can not face real-world problems.

What does Bigfoot do to get so much attention? Is it because it's a creature that can not be caught or seen? Over the years, people have even dressed up as Bigfoot to scare people. In the *life and times of a legend*, “fake footprints have been a favorite hoax and tales of giant wildmen common; this was the folklore—the tales and newspaper reports—that Green and Dahinden discovered and collected”. (Blu Buhs). Human nature tends to become interested in the unknown, and Bigfoot and his legend are the pinnacle of this.

There are many books, articles, and movies about Bigfoot. In *Harry and the Hendersons*, he plays as a nice critter, but in the majority of people's stories, Bigfoot is known as scary or frightening. We can not tell if Bigfoot is going to be scary or nice. Bigfoot is seen as this violent, daunting creature to most, his huge footprints sparking anxiousness in the eyes of those who claim to have observed it. But what if Bigfoot was the opposite of that? Would people still be as obsessive as they are now?

People want to have the thrill and experience of telling a scary story. Bigfoot is an easy creature to do. Bigfoot is known for being a huge creature and has an awful odor with its big foot that could crush you. Bigfoot stories are often told at night, which makes them even scarier. Most people have been scared of the dark at some point in their lives.

Is Bigfoot really just a scary story to tell, or is there more to it? Really, this creature can be both, either internal or external. Bigfoot exists regardless, whether it has a physical, external presence on Earth or just lives on through generations as an internal myth. Bigfoot is always going to be brought up in the world. There are museums and history shows about this critter. That is not going to disappear. Bigfoot, though, sure seems to disappear, but its stories do not.

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