

Seeds of Change

RIF EXTENSION ACTIVITIES FOR EDUCATORS

SOCIAL STUDIES

KENYA DIG IT?

Materials: big paper or poster board, markers

Help your students become experts on Kenya. Put students into pairs or small groups. Assign each group a different topic about Kenya (people, wildlife, climate, etc.) and have them make a poster with 5-10 facts about that topic. Let each group share with the class. After each group presents, have the class draw comparisons between Kenya and the US or your city/state.



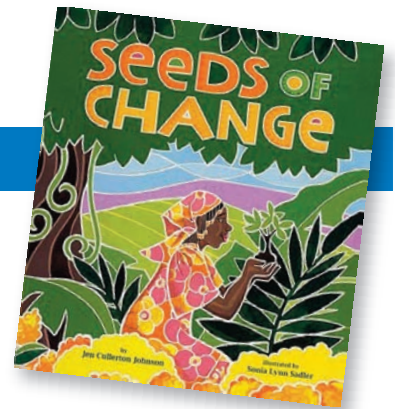
WRITING

PINING FOR PINES

Have students write a story or draw a comic strip for the following prompt: "One day I woke up and all the trees were gone." What happened to all the trees? What's it like without them? How can we get them back?

TRULY INSPIRED

Wangari inspired people all over the world with her crusade to save Kenya's trees. Have students write a thank you letter to someone who has inspired them.



SCIENCE/MATH

CLASS GARDEN

Materials: seeds and/or plants, gardening supplies

Start a class garden! Students can plant, water and take care of seeds/plants. Use a terrarium or pots along the windowsill if outside planting space is limited. Have children record what they see every week and measure each plant. Compare measurements to see which plant grows the fastest, slowest, etc.

A NEW LEAF

Gather your own samples or have students bring in a few leaves from their trees at home. As a class or in small groups, guide them through the process of identifying what kind of tree each leaf comes from. Older students can perform this activity by themselves or in small groups or pairs at a station. (You can find step-by-step tree identification help online at www.arboday.org/trees/whattree.)

