

## **TEACHING WITH A THEME: KENYA**

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Our poster presentation will explore the social, political, economic, environmental, and religious aspects that shape the culture of Kenya today and generate student interest using real world connections. We will explore how creating interdisciplinary connections and building student interest strengthens student's schemata. We will also describe how these student's connections to prior knowledge create more effective lessons, promote student involvement, and encourage the student's retention of content knowledge. The mathematics portion of our Kenya unit will focus on graphing specific population data and currency values. Connections will be made to between American dollars and Kenyan shillings. The English and language arts portion of our unit will emphasize prominent figures in Kenyan literature, Kenyan folktales, and explore Kenyan religions. The science portion will explore the food chain of Kenyan animals, climate, and how humans impact the environment. Finally, social studies will culminate with social, political, and economic factors affecting Kenya.