



# Kenya

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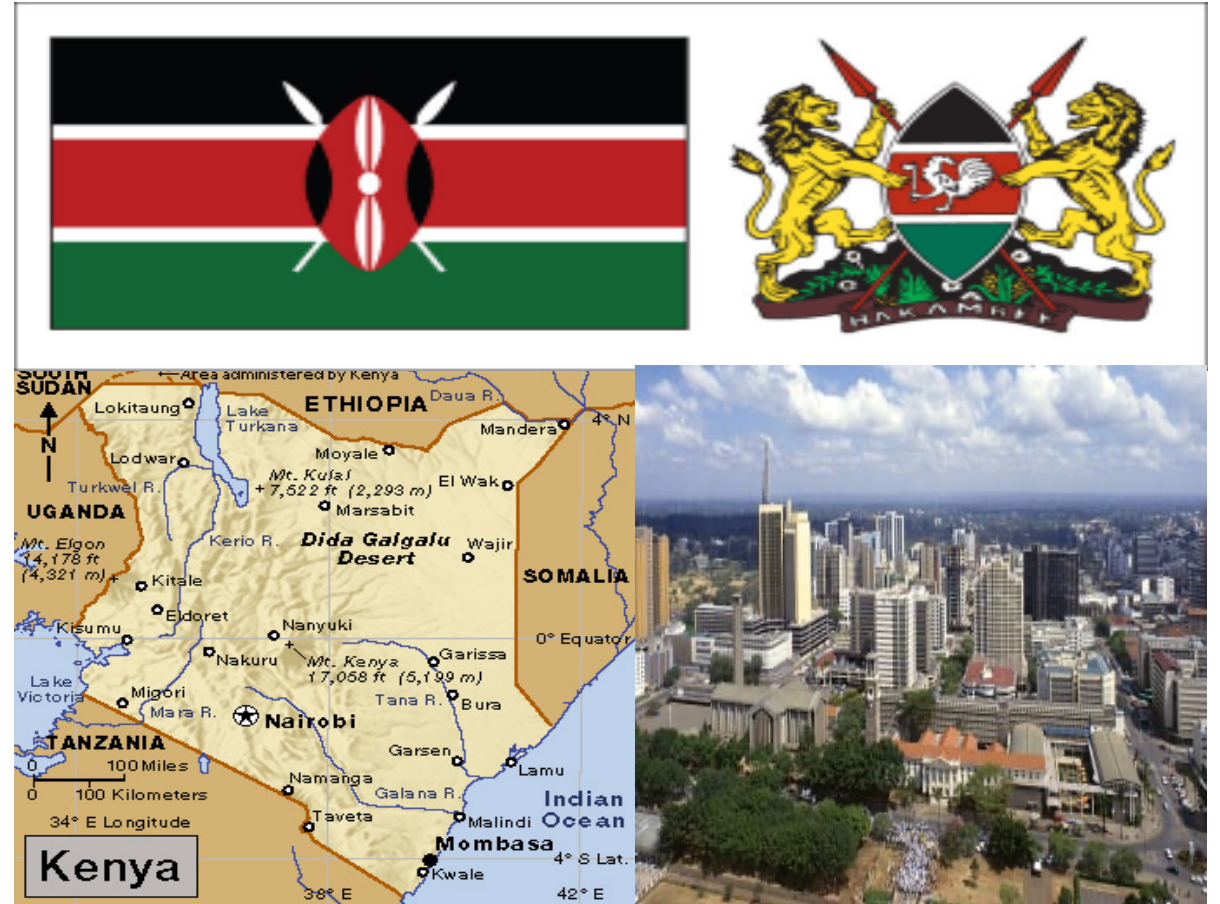
Music from Kenya

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- [Kenya National Anthem](#)
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# Where is your country?

- Kenya is generally in Eastern Africa. The countries surrounding Kenya are Tanzania, Uganda, Ethiopia, and Somalia.
- Kenya have a part of the biggest lake in Africa. This lake has the familiar name of Lake Victoria. Lake Victoria is at the border of Kenya.
- Maasai Mara is a national reserve where you can see many amazing and brilliant animals.
- Mombasa has many beaches along the coast of the ocean. You can also find many sea animals here.
- The great Rift Valley is a series of valleys going through Africa. The Great Rift Valley travels the length of Kenya all the way from north to south.



# What are some interesting facts about its history?

- The Great Rift Valley, a series of valleys, go through most of East Africa. The Great Rift Valley travels the entire length of Kenya going North to South.
- The location of where Kenya was along the Indian Ocean, made Kenya a stopping place for several people traveling.
- The United Kingdom are the people that put Kenya's railroad down in between Mombasa and Lake Victoria.
- Kenya gained independence from the UK on December 12, 1963. Kenya then became a republic in 1964.
- Most Kenyans were more loyal to their ethnic groups rather than to the government after gaining their freedom and independence.
- The highest mountain in Kenya is Mount Kenya. Mount Kenya is the second tallest mountain in Africa, only to be topped by Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania.



# What are some interesting facts about its culture?

- Kenya is a very interesting place in terms of the cultural aspect. The ethnic groups in Kenya mostly have their own language. Many Kenyans, however, speak the 2 most popular languages, Swahili and English.
- In terms of food, corn, aka maize, is the basic food we put in almost everything. It could be stew even down to porridge; there will be corn. One more food made in Kenya a lot is chapati. Chapati is basically a flatbread and can be eaten with almost anything. It is just a mix of flour and water put on a hot pan.
- Two of the most popular sports in Kenya are soccer/football, or running. Kenya produces many long-distance runners that have achieved several Olympic medals.
- 75% of the Kenyan population are Christians. Almost 10% are Muslim. If you were to go to Nairobi, Kenya, you will see a good amount of mosques spread throughout the city. This will be the same about churches as well.
- It is required by the Kenyan government that children get at least elementary education. The government usually operates the schools throughout most of Kenya.



# What do you like best about this country?

- One of the biggest things that I like about Kenya is the amount of family that I have there. I have several aunts, uncles, and cousins there. But most importantly, my grandma lives there. My grandfather however, passed away a while back; I never was able to meet him.
- Another thing that I like about Kenya is the climate. It can get super hot in summer, however, winter is perfect. Not too hot, and not too cold. Compared to the United States, it is really warm in Kenya.
- Another thing that I like is the amount of people that walk. Many people in Kenya walk to and from work because it is easier with all the traffic that is in Kenya. Most Kenyans get a good amount of exercise and that mostly comes from the walking.
- My favorite food from Kenya is Chapati. We tend to make it here in Noblesville every other week or so. My uncle in Kenya also mixes Chapati with butternut squash that they grow.
- The last thing that I like in Kenya is the amount of crops they have. Many Kenyans harvest their own maize or even beans. Harvest season is the “busy” season in Kenya.



# How does Fishers Junior High benefit from having families from this country as a part of our school and community?

- FJH benefits from having students from Kenya because, first and foremost, there is more diversity.
- The diversity is not the only thing. We can share what our culture is about and how we live. There is so much that the world has in store and I think we can bring our culture to FJH and share it with everyone.

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