

Social Studies

Genre

A **Nonfiction Article** gives information and facts about a topic.



Text Feature

Maps show where places are located.

Content Vocabulary

climate

capital

democracy

Where in the World Is Tanzania?

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Africa is the second largest continent. It is so big that the United States could fit in it three times! Africa is between the Atlantic and Indian Oceans. It is south of the Mediterranean Sea. Africa has the hottest **climate** on Earth. This means the weather is hotter there than on any other continent.

There are 53 countries in Africa. Tanzania is a country in southeast Africa. Dodoma is its **capital** city. This is where the government is found. It is a **democracy**. This means that the people can for vote their leaders.

Tanzania has three types of land. The coastal area is long and flat. It is found along the Indian Ocean.

The plateau is large and flat. It is found in the middle of the country. It is covered in trees and tall grasses. A large part of it is the Great Rift Valley.

The mountains are in the west. The highest point is on Mount Kilimanjaro, which stands more than 19,000 feet tall.



This map shows you where the African country Tanzania is located.

More than 33 million people live in Tanzania. There are 120 different tribes of people and each has its own customs and beliefs. The national language is Kiswahili. Tanzanians may speak English as well as the languages of their tribes.

Each tribe, such as the Makonde and Masai, has its own traditions and dances. Visitors come to learn about the people and watch the dances. The dances tell exciting stories.

Many people in Tanzania are farmers and miners. They dig minerals and gems, such as gold and diamonds, out of the ground.



Other Tanzanians help the tourists who come to visit the country. They work in hotels and give tours. Some Tanzanians make and sell crafts to tourists. Tourism is a big business in Tanzania. People come from all over the world to see the amazing wildlife.



Tanzania has many wild animals, such as lions, zebras, giraffes, and baboons. Many live in national parks, which are animal sanctuaries. The workers help protect the animals and the places where they live.

Connect and Compare



1. Which ocean is next to Tanzania? **Map**
2. Think about this article and *Babu's Song*. What new information does the article give you about Bernardi's life in Tanzania?

Reading/Writing Across Texts



Social Studies Activity

Research another country in Africa. Find it on a map. Write a short report about it.



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Writer's Craft

Transitions

Good writers use **transitions** between paragraphs to connect ideas.



I included the transition later at the beginning of this paragraph.

I used as a result to connect the ideas in the paragraphs.

Write a Journal Entry

April 14

Today we took the best class trip ever! We went to the zoo and spent the whole day with different zookeepers. We watched the keepers freeze apples in giant blocks of ice as treats for the huge polar bears.

Later, we looked inside the rooms where the animals spend the night. What a surprise! I thought zoo animals lived outside all the time.

As a result, I had the greatest time. Maybe I'll be a zookeeper when I grow up!

Your Turn

Write a journal entry about a place you have visited. Use lively words to express how you feel about the event. Be sure to use transition words to connect the ideas in paragraphs. Use the Writer's Checklist to check your writing.



Writer's Checklist

- Word Choice:** Do **transitions** between paragraphs help connect ideas?
- Voice:** Does my writing express my feelings about my topic?
- Ideas:** Is my description clear? Did I add enough details?
- Conventions:** Did I begin every sentence with a capital letter? Does every sentence have the correct end punctuation?