



Mbambu and the Mountains of the Moon

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Certificate: PG

Running Time: 50m

Production Year: 2011

Country: Uganda

Genre: Documentary

Language: Lhukonzo with English subtitles

Synopsis

Mbambu, a 16-year-old girl from the village of Kilembe, at the foot of the Rwenzori Mountains in Uganda, wants to be the first in her family to complete secondary school. Mbambu is also a member of the local amateur drama group, which uses theatre performance and art to educate people in the region on current social and political issues. Mbambu comes from a poor farming family who cannot afford her school fees, so she decides to earn money for school by becoming a guide for tourist trekking in the Rwenzori Mountains, a profession generally reserved for men. Through following Mbambu's experiences, we see that her determination is paving the way for future girls in her community to aspire to new levels of education and new professions, without turning her back on traditional values.

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Before watching the film

Activity 1

Complete this word search by answering the questions below

The words are: Mountain, Victoria, Kenya, Tanzania, Gorillas, Economy, Gold and Swahili

(For primary school pupils teachers could provide the word list, for secondary schools pupils they should find the answer to the questions themselves and then find the words in the grid.)

S	G	R	W	K	S	E	W	I	N
W	A	L	U	E	G	O	L	D	I
A	N	T	A	N	Z	A	N	I	A
H	D	P	P	Y	C	A	J	O	T
I	A	X	M	A	S	C	V	B	N
L	G	O	R	I	L	L	A	S	U
I	E	C	O	N	O	M	Y	K	O
V	I	C	T	O	R	I	A	Q	M

1. Mount Kilimanjaro is the highest **m**_____ in Africa. It is 19,240 feet (5,895 meters) high.
2. Lake **V**_____, south of Uganda, is the second largest lake in the world.
3. **K**_____ and **T**_____ are both neighbouring countries of Uganda.
4. Located in the centre of Africa, Uganda is famous for **g**_____ and safari animals.
5. Uganda's **e**_____ is based on industries that produce sugar, brewing, tobacco, cotton textiles and cement. They also export coffee, fish, tea, **g**_____ and cotton.
6. The official languages of Uganda are English and **S**_____, with many local languages also being spoken.



Activity 2

1. Cars
2. Trees
3. Planes
4. Wind farms
5. Power stations
6. Farm animals

Place these words on the line from positive to negative effects on the planet.

Negative



Positive

Discuss, with your friends WHY you think these elements have a positive or negative effect of the planet. Like Mbambu, the main character of the film, you should find a creative way - drama, music, drawings/posters, etc. – to get your point across.

Activity 3

Swahili or **Kiswahili** is a Bantu language spoken by various ethnic groups living alongside the coastline of the Indian Ocean from northern Kenya to northern Mozambique, including the Comoros Islands. It is also spoken by ethnic minority groups in Mauritius, Oman, the Seychelles and Somalia. Although only five million people speak Swahili as their native language, the total number of speakers is more than 100 million. It serves as a national or official language of four nations: Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. (Source: Wikipedia)

Look on a world map to identify these countries.

Translate the following words from Swahili to English

(you would need to use an online dictionary to find the English translations):

Swahili	English
Msichana	
Maadili	
Jamii	
Mti	
Mto	

These words are all concepts which appear in the film. When you watch *Mbambu and the Mountains of the Moon*, keep these words in mind and pay attention to their relevance to the story.



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