

## THE SWAHILI BEAT

Documentary film. Color. 27mins.

PowerPoint presentation

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Use this film and the PowerPoint presentation to help students understand the following concepts in Swahili history:

- 1) The natural environment of the East African Coast and the interior
- 2) The early peoples of the coast and of the East African interior
- 3) The origins of the Swahili people as an Islamic Afro-Arab hybrid
- 4) The effect of the coastal environment on the development of Swahili culture and trade
- 5) The geographical scope of Swahili trade and items traded
- 6) The rise to power of the Swahili people within the Islamic and non-Islamic international trading networks
- 7) The importance of the Swahili coast to foreign powers
- 8) The timeline of invasions by foreign powers
- 9) The survival of Swahili culture (music and dance) despite several invasions by foreign powers
- 10) The effects of globalization on Swahili culture
- 11) The political and economic marginalization of the Swahili people
- 12) The future of the Swahili people and culture