

EAST AFRICA

KENYA

PEOPLE

- most are farmers
- Most of African descent
- Some European, Asian or Arab descent
- 40 ethnic groups
- Christian or Muslim
- Value family
- K. Kuyat - largest ethnic group
 - live in shambas in highlands near Mt. Kenya
 - round homes, mud walls, thatch roofs
- Maasai - traditional farmers - herders
 - seminomadic: sometimes nomads, sometimes settle where they farm

RURAL LIFE

- shamba - small farm owned and run by a Kenyan family
- majority of farmers are women
- grow fruits, veggies, herd livestock
- Men raise cash crops: coffee, tea
- Men moving to cities - women stay in rural areas too expensive to take kids

ECONOMICS

- Agricultural products: corn, cassava, plantains, sugar cane, coffee
- Much of East Africa's banking and trade is centered in Nairobi
- many people walk to jobs from the outskirts of the city

TODAY

- Independence from Britain in 1963
- "Harambee" - "let's pull together" social policy
 - women's self-help groups