



A TEACHER'S GUIDE FOR BEATRICE'S DREAM

This teacher's guide is designed to assist you in creating talking points and ideas for classroom activities in conjunction with school visits.

THEMES IN THIS BOOK

- Multicultural Lifestyles

Beatrice lives in Kenya, a country in East Africa. Look at the pictures in the book and read the story. What are some of the things about Beatrice's life that are similar to your life? What things are different?

- Chores

Beatrice has many chores or jobs she must do to help at school and around the house. What are some of the chores that you are expected to do at school or to help out in your family?

- Careers

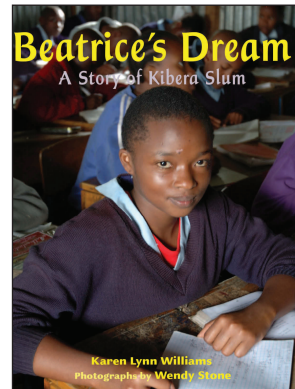
Beatrice wants to be a nurse someday so she can help people who are sick or lonely. Her teachers talk about the kinds of things that men and woman can do. What do you think you would like to do when you grow up? Why would you choose this career?

- Positive Outlook

Beatrice has a difficult life. Her parents have died but she has a positive outlook on life. What does Beatrice do to help herself? What can you do to help make your life better?

- Socio Economic Disadvantages

How do you think Beatrice's life compares to your life? What kind of house does she live in? What kind of school does she go to? How does her life compare to your own life?



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Beatrice in school, shopping and doing chores.



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SUBJECT AREAS IDEAS

- Social Studies

Kibera is one of the largest slums in Africa. Look up the definition of a slum. Are there any slums in your town or city or state?

- History

Kibera slum did not always exist in Nairobi. When people have trouble finding jobs and food in the countryside, they often move to the city for work. When too many people move to the city, there are not enough jobs and people cannot afford houses and food. What are some ways to solve these problems?



Kibera slum in Africa.

- Language arts

In this story Beatrice and her friends are making books about their families. There are many kinds of families. Beatrice lives with her brother. Write a book about your family. Interview your grandparents and Aunts and Uncles to get facts and stories to make your books interesting and meaningful.

Beatrice’s teacher tells a proverb about the Hyena and the sheep. What is a proverb? Do you know any proverbs? What do they mean? Ask your parents and grandparents if they know any proverbs. Make a book of proverbs.



Jobs people do.

- Science

Beatrice says it is dusty in Kibera and sometimes it is very muddy. Look up Nairobi on the map. What is the climate like there? Is it similar to or different from the climate where you live?

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