

IN OUR VILLAGE EDITED BY BARBARA CERRONE

In Our Village was written as a group project by a group of kids in the African village Kambi ya Simba. They created a record of their lives and the way they live. Students can learn about the way kids live in another place, discussing their similarities and differences. They can also discuss what life is like in rural communities where farming is the main way people support themselves. How might it be similar and different to how people who farm live in the United States.

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Kambi ya Simba Through the Eyes of Its Youth



Questions:

- 1. This book was created by students to share their stories and tell others around the world about their lives. What might you have in common with these kids?
- 2. Do you remember The Water Princess? What are some similarities with this village? Is that something easy to deal with or difficult?
- 3. Discuss each section: Do you have anything in common with people in that village? How would you feel if that's where you lived?
- 4. Is farm work easy?
- 5. Is life in Kambi ya Simba easier or harder than your life? How is life there different? How is it the same?
- 6. How is working in agriculture (growing food) different in Kambi ya Simba than in the United States? How is it the same?