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The New Africa

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Grade Level (Req.): 6-8	Content Area (Re	eq.): Geography,	Unit (Opt.):	
	History, Econom	ics		
Connections to Other Disciplines (Opt.):			
Math – percentages/growth predictions				
Science - natural resources				
 Language Arts – reading standards 				
Time Frame (Req.): 2-3 days	Goal (Req.): To understand how Africa, after years of genocide,			
	oppression, and		poverty is emerging as a global competitor in the	
world market.				
	Objective (Req.): Students will be aware of the history, unique geographic features and economic growth of the continent of Africa			
by examining o		e specific country and creating a booklet.		
Materials Needed (Req.):		New Vocabulary	(Opt.):	
 Article(from The New York Times Upfront 		• Econom	у	
Magazine) entitled: The Africa You Haven't		 Entrepre 	neurs	
Heard About		 Internat 	ional investment	
 Maps of Africa – National Geographic 		 Imperial 		
online, etc.		 Power A 	Africa	
 Internet search on the history of Africa 				
 Internet search on the world's new 				
relations with Africa (ex: Power Africa)				
 Paper, writing utensils (or Power Point) 				
Textbooks Anticipatory Set/Introduction [Indi-				

Anticipatory Set/Introduction [Inquiry Question is required] (Req.): What picture do you see in your mind when I say "Africa"? (List responses)

Instructional Sequence/Procedure (Req.):

- 1. Students will begin by recognizing "our" pre-conceived notions of Africa by listing these on paper (for comparison at the end of the lesson)
- 2. Hand out the article entitled The Africa You Haven't Heard About read and discuss. Discuss the 2013 Power Africa initiative.
- 3. Using textbooks and the internet, research the general history of imperialism, poverty, genocide and oppression in Africa as an overview.
- 4. Using textbooks, maps and the internet locate Africa's natural resources that are valuable in the past and present global market.
- 5. Place students in groups and instruct them to pick one country in Africa that is emerging on the economic market and research its history, natural resources, location, and economic growth.
- 6. Create booklets using either paper or Power Point listing 4 detailed facts with illustrations or graphics: 1. country's history, 2. geographic features, 3. natural resources, 4. growth in the

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Formative Evaluation (Req.): Class discussion	Assessment (Req.): African booklets			
Iowa Core Curriculum Standards Used (Req.):				
 Geography 3., grade 6-8: Understand ho 	w human factors and the distribution of			
resources affect the development of soci				
 Economics 2., grade 6-8: Understand the role of scarcity and economic trade-offs and how 				
economic conditions impact people's lives.				
 History 5., grade 6-8: Understand the effect 	of economic needs and wants on individual and			
group decisions.				
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Common Core Curriculum Standards Used (Opt.):				
	sial Chudias C 12 - DU C 0 4			
 Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6-12; RH 6-8.4. 				
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NGS Standards Used (Req.):				
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surface				
 18. How to apply geography to interpret 	the present and plan for the future			
 6. How culture and experience influence people's perceptions of places and regions 				
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Five Themes of Geography Used (Req.):	School District Standards and Benchmarks (Opt.):
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 Human/Environmental Interaction 	•
• Location	•
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21 st Century Universal Constructs (Opt.):	
Other Disciplinary Standards (Opt.):	
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Other Essential Information (Opt.):	
Other Resources (Opt.):	
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