THE SWAHILI BEAT
Documentary film. Color. 27mns.
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