



Teacher's Notes: New President in Ethiopia

General Tips: The goal is to build background knowledge while leading an engaging discussion on any and all information that can be talked about on a given page. The items that you choose to bring up or focus on can be modified for the students you are working with. For example, if you have a student who can point to something in the picture, answer yes/no questions be sure to incorporate a lot more of that as you go through the book. On the same token, be sure to ask a lot of comprehension questions and critical thinking questions at the level appropriate for students working on those skills. There is something for everyone.

Addressing problem solving: Throughout the e-book, help students identify the problems that are involved and choice making opportunities throughout the article.

Page 1: Ethiopia is a country. It is a place. It is in Africa. The US is here, and Africa is here. The country of Ethiopia is where the red star is. The kids in the picture are from Ethiopia. They are a group of boys.

Point: USA, Africa, Ethiopia, boys, **Questions:** Where is Ethiopia? Where is Africa? Is Ethiopia a country?

Connect: What do you know about Africa? What animals live in Africa?

Page 2: Just like the U.S. has a president, Ethiopia has a president. Her name is Sahle-Work Zewde. That is an African name. She is the new president. **Point:** president. **Questions:** who is the new president? What is her name?

Connect: Who is the president of the U.S.?

Page 3: What is exciting is that she was just elected on October 25th. She is the very first woman to be the president. It is very exciting. Before men were always the president, now this lady is the president.

Point: president, man, month of October, the 25th, woman symbol. **Questions:** Who is this lady? What happened? When was she elected? Which country is she the president of? Where is Ethiopia? **Connect:**

What other important women do you know?

Page 4: Ethiopia has had some big problems. They have been at war with another country in Africa for a long time. Now that war is over. That is so exciting. The president is very happy. **Point:** soldier, gun no war symbol. **Connection:** What is a war? Do you know anyone who was a soldier in a war?

Page 5: Ethiopia has had a lot of problems. They have had a war and they have also had famines. A famine is when people don't have food and they are very hungry. Sometimes they are so hungry they die. In a famine they might not get food for a long, long time. Most people in Ethiopia are poor. They don't have enough money to buy things they need. The president wants people to have more money. They are poor. They don't have enough money. She wants more jobs for men and women. **Point:** kids, street, people selling stuff. **Questions:** **Connect:** What do you know about wars?

Page 6: Salt comes from a special kind of rock called a salt rock. It is very hot in Ethiopia and there is a desert in part of the country. There are salt rocks there. Some people have the job of cutting salt rocks and then they sell them to make salt that you put on food. **Point:** salt rocks, workers, salt shaker

Questions: What is in those rocks? Why are they cutting them? What is salt? **Connect:** What do you like to put salt on?

Page 7: One thing that Ethiopia has is gold. It is in the ground in rocks. Gold is worth a lot of money. Some people in Ethiopia work getting gold out of the ground. They are miners. The gold can be sold to other countries. That is one way that Ethiopia can make money. **Point:** gold nuggets **Questions:** What kind of rocks are those? What do they do with it? **Connect:** Do you know anyone who has something made of gold? Do you know anyone with a gold necklace?

Page 8: Coffee grows in Ethiopia. Ethiopia is known for coffee. It is something they invented. They are the first ones to make coffee. A lot of people like to buy coffee from Ethiopia. The coffee beans grow on a bush. Then they pick the berries. The berries get dry and hard and then they grind them up to make coffee. **Point:** people picking coffee beans, coffee beans, ground coffee, cup of coffee **Questions:** Where was coffee discovered? Does coffee grow on a bush? Does it grow in Ethiopia? What is coffee? Is coffee hot? **Connect:** Have you had coffee before? What do some people put in their coffee?

Page 9: Now that the war is over Ethiopia is better. The people can try to make more money. The president is happy. **Point:** lady pouring coffee, people from Ethiopia **Questions :** Are things better in Ethiopia? Why? Who are the people in the pictures? **Connect:** What are you happy about? Why do you think the people in Ethiopia are happy?