

FILM DISCUSSION GUIDE:
KWA HERI MANDIMA



Before viewing the film:

Have you ever moved away from home? How far did you go?

Was there anyone it was hard to say goodbye to?

What were your new surroundings like? Was it difficult to adjust?

During the film:
Comprehension Questions

1. What do Robert-Jan and his friends like about the airplane?

2. Why are there so many people gathering to watch the plane?

3. Which European women in Mandima had a major influence on Robert-Jan's life? Circle all that apply.

- a. Claudine, a tutor and instructor
- b. Annabelle, a basket weaver and gardener
- c. Marianne, a doctor
- d. Bridgette, Robert-Jan's aunt

4. What is Robert-Jan thinking about as he prepares to depart? Circle all that apply.

- a. How much he will miss his friends
- b. Catching frogs
- c. European amenities like Nutella and elevators
- d. His fear of flying

5. What kinds of things does Robert-Jan say his friends taught him? Circle all that apply.

- a. How to speak KiSwahili
- b. How to cook
- c. How to play the talking drums
- d. How to play soccer/football
- e. How to climb trees
- f. How to make sandals

- g. How to fish
6. How does Robert-Jan dress for the flight?
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Post-viewing Discussion Questions:

- 7. What will Robert-Jan have to adjust to in Europe?
- 8. What will life be like back in Mandima for Robert-Jan's childhood friends?
- 9. How did Robert-Jan's photos contribute to the film? How might the film have been different if it were reenacted?



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