



# CHAPTER 12

# Eastern and Southern Africa

**SECTION 1** History and Governments

**SECTION 2** Economies and Cultures

**SECTION 3** South Africa Today

**SECTION 4** Kenya Today

**Culture** Tradition meets modern technology as two Masai girls in Masai Mara National Reserve in Kenya peer through the viewfinder of a long-range camera.







## How might a country's wealth lead to its poverty?

**Human-Environment Interaction** • In Burundi in Eastern Africa, your wealth and status in society are determined by the number of Ankole cattle you own. The more of these crescent-horned animals you own, the more important you are. Because of this, many Burundi families eat a mainly vegetarian diet rather than kill one of their cattle for food.

Hundreds of thousands of Ankole cattle are overgrazing Burundi's limited grasslands. This leads to soil erosion and desertification. Many other herding societies in Eastern and Southern Africa are experiencing the same problem.

### What do you think?

- ♦ In the United States, what are some equivalents to owning Ankole cattle?
- ♦ As soil erosion continues, what might happen to Burundi's Ankole cattle?





# READING SOCIAL STUDIES

## BEFORE YOU READ

### ▶▶ What Do You Know?

Does your family own anything made of gold? If so, chances are that the gold came from Eastern or Southern Africa. What do you know about this region? What do you know about its people? What kinds of animals are found there? Recall what you read in Chapters 10 and 11, what you have learned in other classes, and what you have read or seen in the news about Kenya, South Africa, and the other countries of this region.

### ▶▶ What Do You Want to Know?

Decide what you know about Eastern and Southern Africa. In your notebook, record what you want to learn from this chapter.



**Place** • Mogadishu, the capital of Somalia, is one of many African cities devastated by civil war. ▲

## READ AND TAKE NOTES

**Reading Strategy: Predicting** Predicting means using what you know to make an educated guess about what is going to happen. This is an important skill in social studies. Scholars look at the past and present to try to predict the future.

- Copy the chart into your notebook.
- As you read, record information about past and present situations in each category. If you find predictions about the future, record those also.
- After you read, review your information and use it to write your own predictions.



**Place** • Nairobi, Kenya, is a rapidly growing city with a population in 2000 of over 2 million. ▲

	Past	Present	Future
Government			
People			
Economy			
Culture			
South Africa			
Kenya			