



What Youth want Volunteers to Know:

PERSPECTIVES ON AFRICAN CULTURE

Objective

We will be teaching and discussing our country of origins.

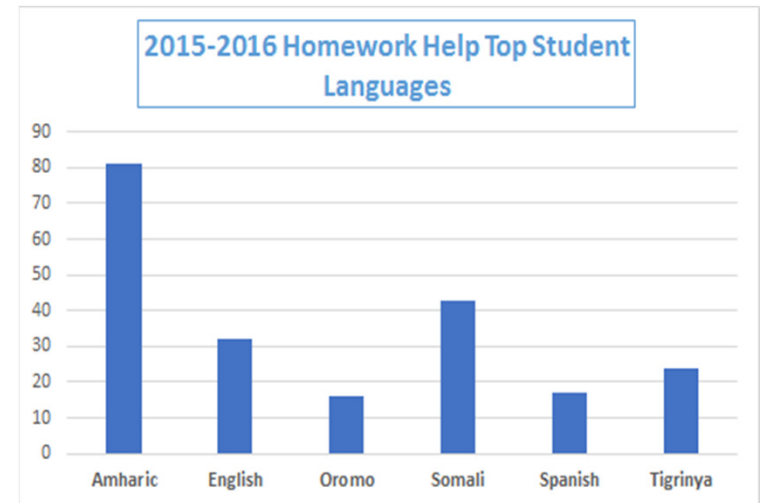
Goal: Why are we doing this workshop?

- Majority of students seeking tutoring are (East) African.
- Help tutors understand where African students come from, their identity as African students in Seattle.

How will this help?

Understanding → Patience → Success

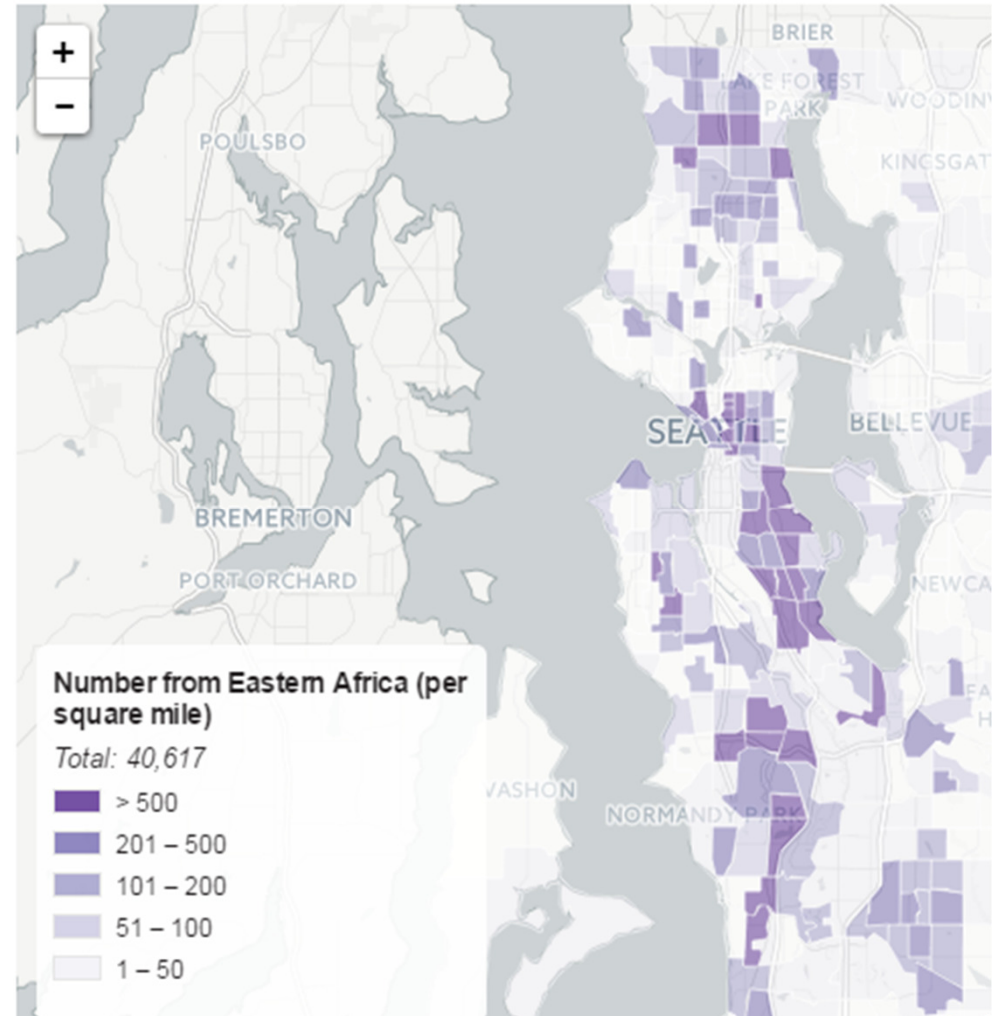
What is this workshop about?



Demographics

Why do we look into data?

- ▶ 75,000 East Africans in Seattle/King County.
- ▶ 32% ELL Students at SPS East African home languages.
- ▶ Rainier Beach, Brighton, Rainier Vista, and High Point.
- ▶ Seattle Housing Authority- Top language is Somali.



Why, Seattle?

- ▶ Immigrant vs. Refugee
- ▶ 1960s & early 1970s: East African Immigrants Students.
- ▶ Late 1970s- Present: Random places of refugees by U.S. government.
- ▶ Family Reunification: Sponsor family members and relatives.



Who are *East Africans*, *anyways*?

- ▶ Burundi, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Kenya, Rwanda, Somali, Sudan, Tanzania, and Uganda.
- ▶ Horn of Africa: Eritrea, Ethiopia and Somalia (largest groups in Seattle).



Ethiopia

- ▶ Largest country in the Horn of Africa.
- ▶ 80 languages and 200 dialects spoken.
- ▶ Largest ethnic groups are Oromo 34.4% and Amhara 27%.
- ▶ Religion: Orthodox Christians 44%, Islam 34% and Protestant Christians 19%.
- ▶ Census: 151, 515 Ethiopia-born residents living in the US.
- ▶ Range of Economic Status

Hello in
Amharic:
Selam



Hello in
Oromo:
Akkam

Eritrea

- ▶ Tigrinya 55% and Tigre 30%.
- ▶ The Tigrinya language official language.
- ▶ Muslim 50% and Orthodox Christian 40%.
 - ▶ 8,000 residents in Seattle.
 - ▶ Eritrean refugees came to Seattle between 1989-1993.
 - ▶ Cultural Norms.
 - ▶ New immigrants face the challenges of a new culture, language and different educational system.

Welcome:
Merhaba



Somalia

- ▶ Homogeneous ethnic population.
- ▶ Somali and Arabic.
- ▶ 2,000 years of interactions between indigenous peoples and Arab traders created Somali culture.
- ▶ 99% Sunni Muslims.
- ▶ Nomadic and islamic tradition.
- ▶ Clan system.
- ▶ Large and extended families.
 - ▶ 30,200 residents of Seattle.
 - ▶ 22 % SPS ELL students speak Somali at home.



Equity

ACS Data Set 2012–2014	East African Community	All Other Seattle Residents
Percent children (17 years or younger)	37.7%	15.3%
Percent given birth to a child within last 12 months	14.1%	4.3%
Percent receive some sort of government assistance	53.8%	10.3%
Percent with no formal schooling attained (18 and older)	8.6%	1%
Percent with a bachelor's degree as the highest education level attained	8.6%	33.8%

Thank You

