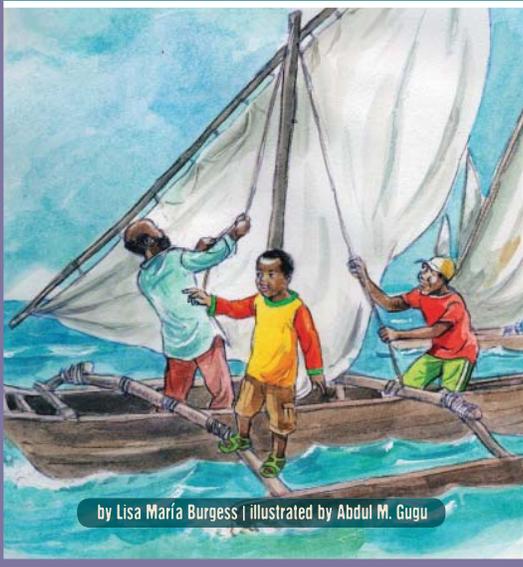


Juma's Dhow Race



Juma hides in his uncle's dhow (after arguing with his cousin) and inadvertently joins the annual Dhow sailing race around the islands of Zanzibar, while his sister chases after the Changuu Island tortoises. The story introduces the ancient Stone Town and the Swahili boat culture. The story is supplemented with a map of the United Republic of Tanzania, focusing on the islands of Zanzibar, a map of the continent of Africa, and a ki-Swahili language glossary.



Children enjoy recreating the scene when Juma's sister chases after the tortoises.



Readers learn about sailing off the coast of east Africa.

For the Classroom

Activity – Art:

- Draw a picture of a dhow or a tortoise.
- Draw a picture of another kind of boat or ship.

Activity – Creative Writing:

- Write a story about Juma swimming in the Indian Ocean. What kinds of creatures might he see underwater?
- Write the story of how you learned to swim, or about how you plan to learn to swim.
- Write an essay comparing life in Tanzania with your own life. What would be fun or difficult about living in Tanzania?

Activity – Geography:

- Draw a map of Zanzibar, color the islands with different colors, and label each.
- On a world map, highlight the countries that border the Indian Ocean. Add the ocean and wind currents. Use geography to explain where you might sail a dhow, starting in Zanzibar.

Discussion points for comparison with Juma and his family in the story:

- Do people in your family swim; where?
- Have you been to a zoo? What kinds of animals did you see there?
- What is the most difficult thing you have ever done? What made it difficult for you?
- What do you do when you are upset with your siblings or cousins or friends?

Investigation points:

- How is the dhow constructed?
- How do you say hello or tell someone to be quick in the Swahili language?
- From where do the different peoples that settled Zanzibar come from?
- When and from where were the tortoises brought to Zanzibar?
- What are the jobs of a Sailor and a Zoo Keeper?

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