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This book represents the South African people's culture



# What are the main characters in the book?

The main characters from the book are:

Wangari.

Wangari's college teachers

Mugumu, the tree.

The Green Belt People

Kikuyu villagers.

The Businessman

Nderitu.

Wangari's parents



# Where does the story take place?

The setting changes a lot throughout the story. The most places that the story takes place are:

Kenya/ Kenya's forest

America

Science School

Pennsylvania

Kikuyu village



# Resume of the book.

Wangari is a girl that lives with her family in a village called Kikuyu, in Kenya. One day her mother told her that she should go to school, what was unusual for girls go to school. When she was 11 years old, she finished the elementary school, she decided to leave her village and move to the capital city of Nairobi to continue with her education. At the school she went, she lived with a lot of girls just like her. Wangari was one of the best students and science was one of her favorite subjects. As she graduated, she wanted to become a biologist, but everybody said that not many native women had become biologists. She would travel for anywhere to learn more about biology, but she had left Kenya without money. The teacher knew she didn't had money to travel, so they helped her to go to a college in Kansas.

During her period in Kansas, she learned that woman could do anything, even if it haven't been done before. After she graduated in Kansas, she traveled to Pennsylvania to continue her studies. After Wangari receiving letters of Kenya, she decided to return home one day to help her people. She accepted a teaching job at the University of Nairobi. While Wangari was in America, her village sold more land to big foreign companies that were cutting down trees for timber and for places to make agriculture. When Wangari went back to her village she saw that the custom of her culture were lost. After seeing that destruction, Wangari had the great idea to create a little group of womans that would plant as much as trees they could, this group was called the Green Belt Movement. This group traveled to many different lands and cities to plant trees. One of the trees they had plant

turned to be more than thirty three million of trees. As this Green Belts Movement moved farther to Keynia, powerful people were thinking bad things against Wangari. Those people didn't like the way that Wangari was planting trees in places that they destroyed to make agriculture. After some time, Wangari was arrested by some corrupt businessman. In the jail cell, she made some friends that told her their stories. After she was freed, she promised she would fight for the rights of woman.

# Your favorite Part

My favorite part is the part that she travels far from the family and go to another country study what she loved to do. That was my favorite part because, in the past, I don't think much black woman would have the courage to do something like that.