

## TurkanaAfrica

WORD OF THE DAY: TRANSACTION: an exchange or operation made during a deal.

1. The Turkana are the second largest ethnic group in Kenya, after the Maasai.
2. The Turkana, like many African ethnic groups, practice polygyny (men marrying multiple wives). Multiple wives tend to live together and work together. Only the men who accumulate a ton of livestock can afford to have multiple wives, because of bride wealth. You can tell the students what this is, but also mention that some other cultural groups, like some in Sri Lanka practice polyandry (women marrying multiple husbands).
3. If the subject of bride wealth comes up, you might compare it to the dowry. In general, the dowry ends up helping the family of the groom because its money transferred to that family. Bride wealth ends up helping the family of the bride. The bride can also get it back if the marriage does not work out. She can use the money for her own sustenance.

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