

My Savanna Animal Book on

THE GIRAFFE



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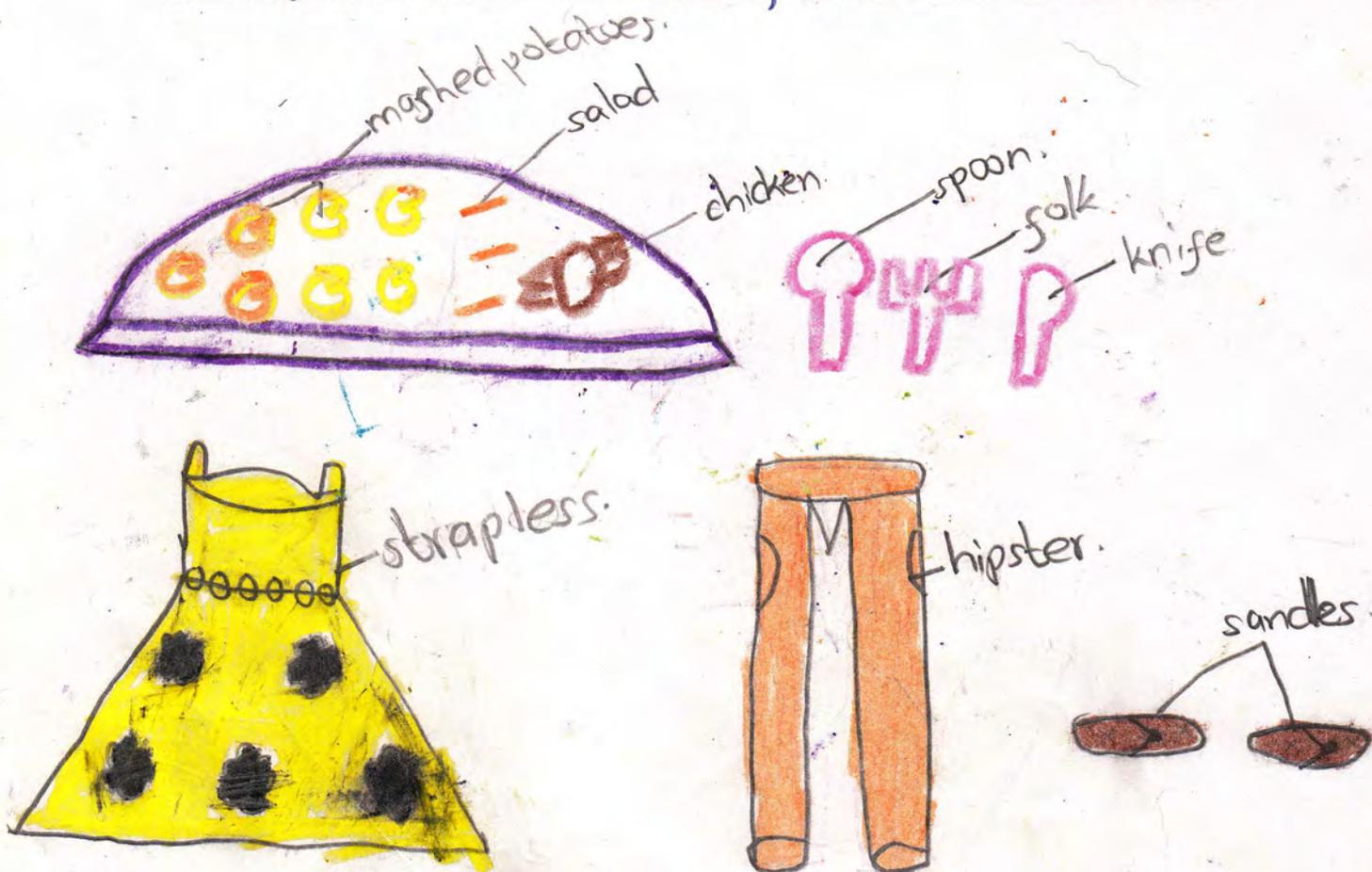
Hello fellow students. My name is Ummul-
Kheys and I'm a 5th grade student at
Midas Golden Academy in Nairobi.
We are learning about *savannas* and I'd like to
share with you about what *savannas* are, how
important they are, and an *animal* of particular
interest to me, a giraffe.



About me...

But before I start my book, I'd like to share with you about some of my favorite things.

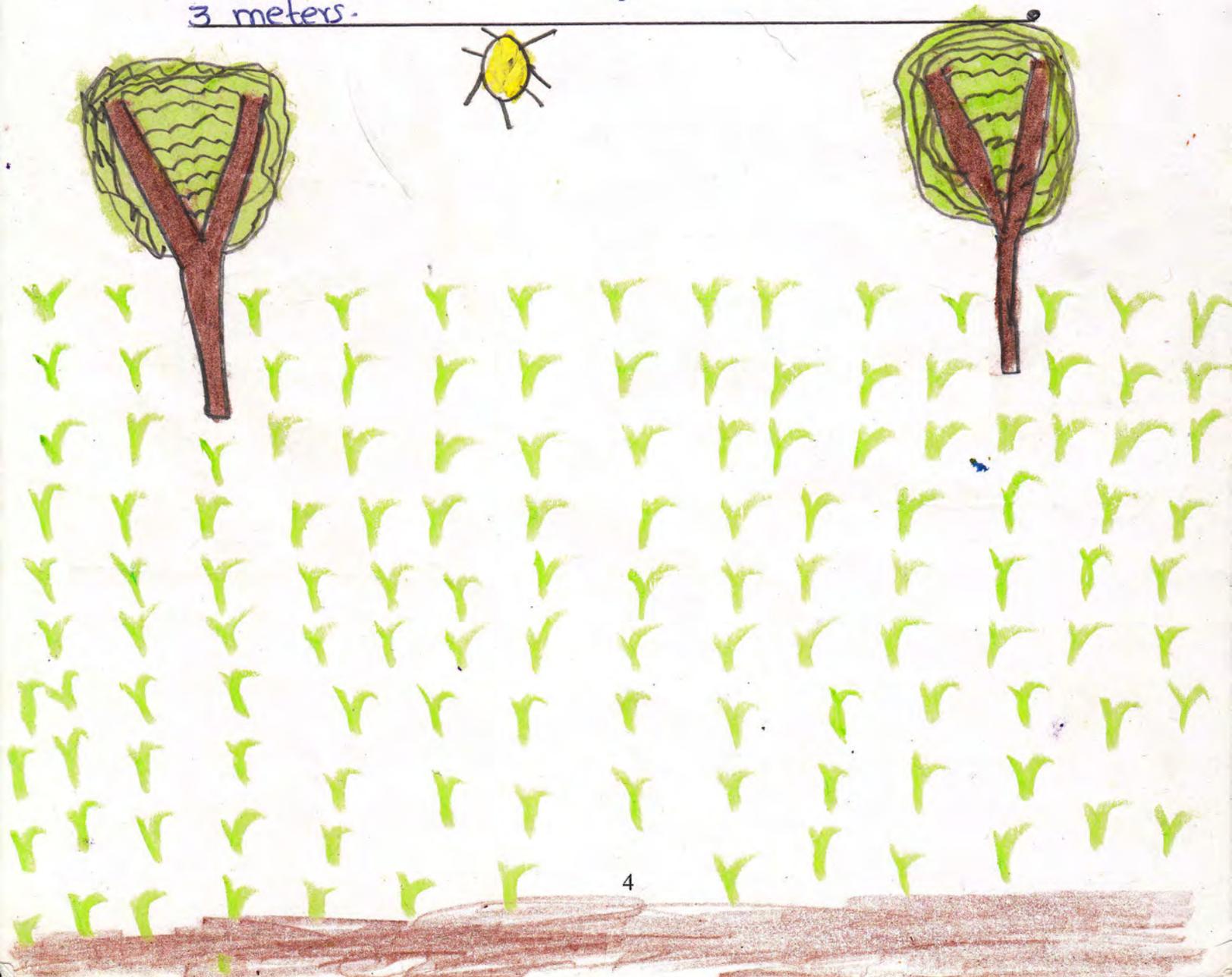
Fast and foremost my pals call me purple swaggers. I like mashed potatoes with salad and chicken. My favourite countries are Australia, Canada and Mexico.



Okay, now I'm ready to write about what *savannas* are, their *importance*, and facts about one of my favorite *animals*, a giraffe.

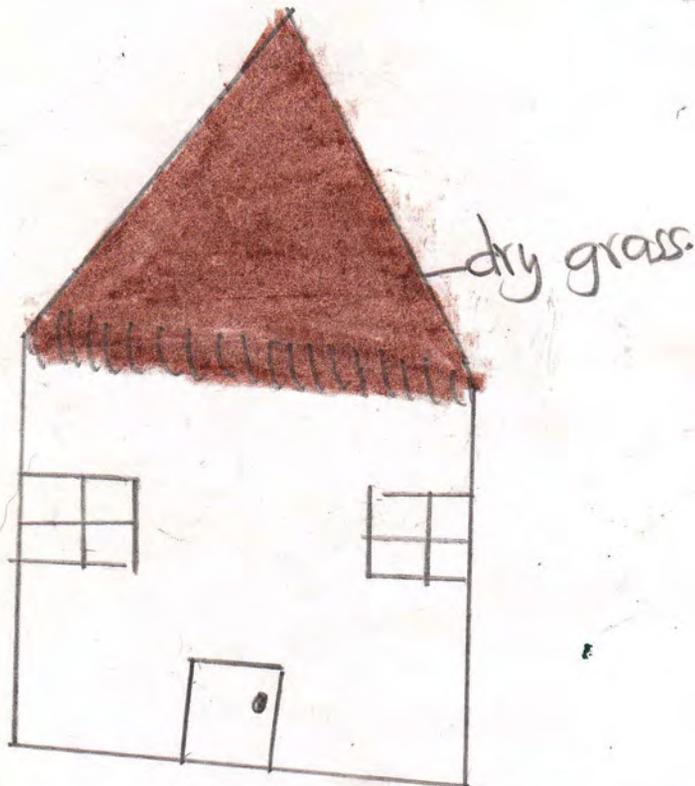
First, *savannas* are found in a wide band on either side of the equator on the edges of tropical forests and desert biomes. Savannas are typically characterized as rolling grasslands scattered with shrubs and isolated trees. Additional characteristics are:

Main trees are acacia and baobab. It grows well in areas where receives low rainfall. Rainfall is between 500 and 700 millimeters. Grass can grow to heights of upto 3 meters.



Second, we are very fortunate to literally have *savannas* as part of our community. They serve many *important* purposes, such as:

Savanna grasslands has a lot of importances. In the past, our ancestors used grass to thatch houses. Also some animals live there. Some game reserves are mainly found there. examples; Masai mara. It is also used for grazing animals.

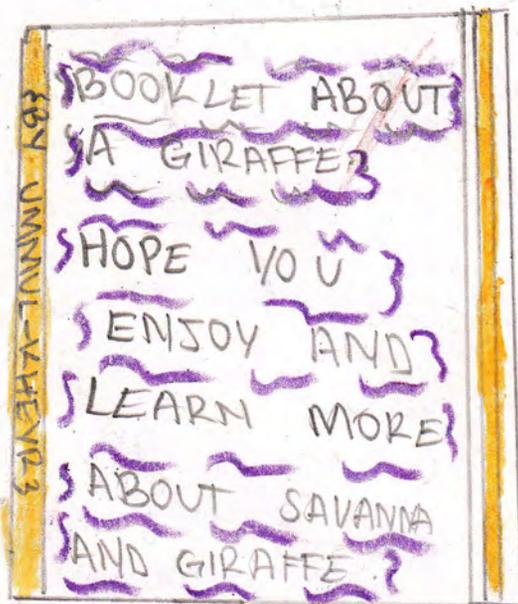


Third, there is a particular *animal* of interest to me, namely the giraffe. I chose this *animal* because it is a native, colourful and amazing. A giraffe is so tall and that is why it is amazing. My animal, the giraffe is spectacular.



In the following paragraphs, I will briefly discuss what I researched about my animal of interest, the giraffe. I will cover the following: classification, common name, scientific name, physical characteristics, behavior, if the animal camouflages, adaptations, range, migratory, population, status, reproduction, habitat, prey, predators, where animal fits in food web, and whether aborigines used the animal for food, clothing, or other purposes.

I hope you enjoy the book!



GIRAFFE ARE
AMAZING!

Classification

The giraffe is a vertebrate because it has a backbone. It is classified as a mammal because it has fur and is also warm blooded. It has a mammary gland which its young ones suckle milk.



Names

The giraffe has two names. The common name is kwiga in Kiswahili and Ndwiga in Kikuyu and the scientific name is Giraffa camelopardalis.

In science, the *scientific name* is the genus and species of the animal or plant.

Physical characteristics... my animal looks like...

My animal is an African even toed
ungulate, the tallest living terrestrial animal
and also the largest ruminant. Its
specific name refers to its camel-like face and
the patches on its fur. Its specific name the giraffe.



Camouflage...does my animal blend into its environment?

After looking at my animal and reading more about it, I realize that it does not camouflage.
It however blends very well in its
environment especially where there are
tall trees.

Adaptations

My animal is unique because it is the
largest living terrestrial, an African even-
toed ungulate and the largest ruminant.
Its life span is 25 years. The
giraffe's tongue is 21-inch (53 centimeters).

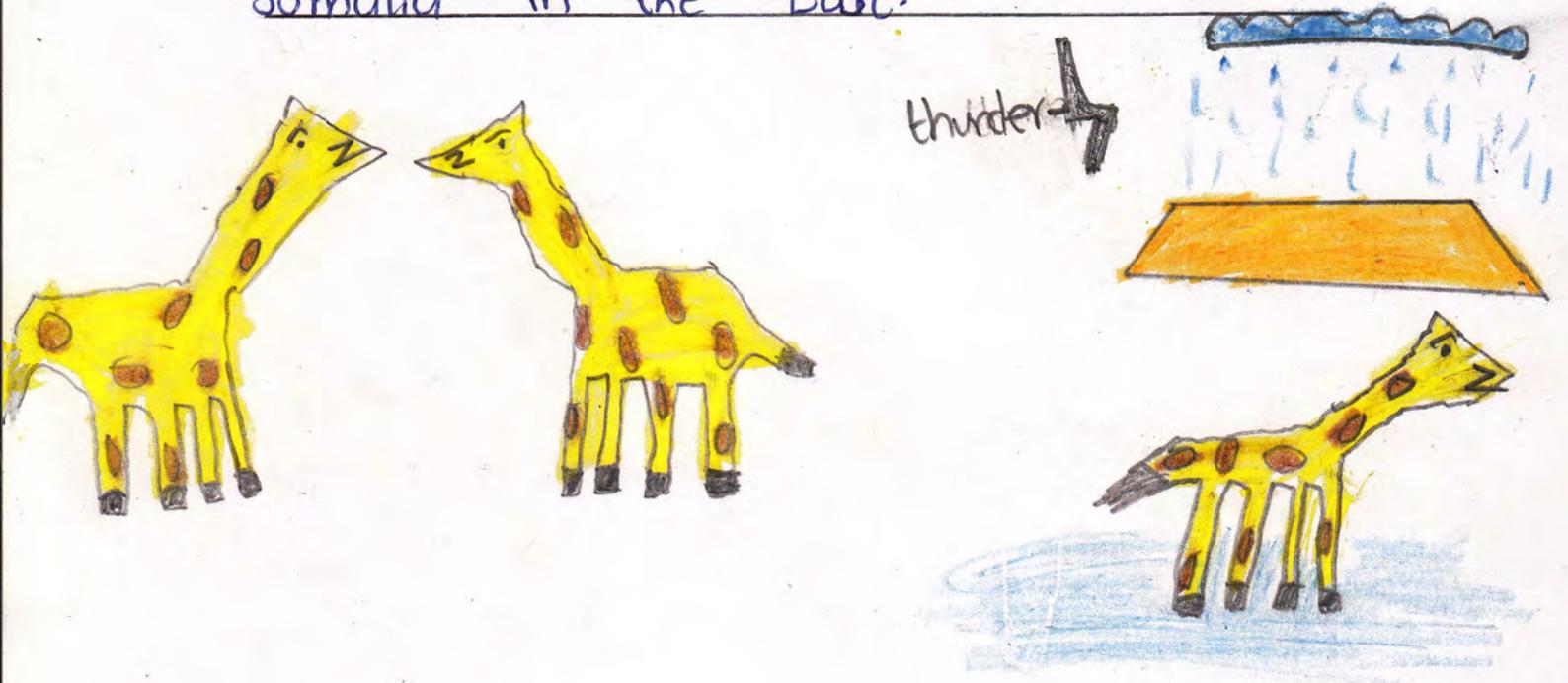


Animal behavior

The way I would describe the behavior of my animal is that they are browsers. They feed
mainly on on acacia. The male giraffes
don't fight because they live together,
like each other and look-alike. They
roam together almost half a dozen
per herd.

Range

The giraffe is found mainly on savanna grasslands. It extends from Chad in the North to South Africa in the South and from Niger in the West to Somalia in the East.

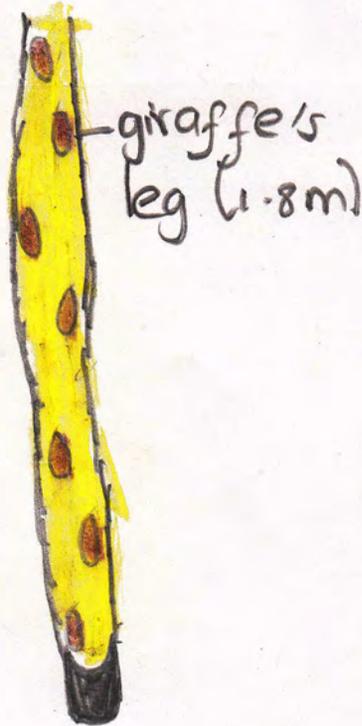


Migratory...does it travel from one location to another during seasons?

The giraffe does migrate. For example, during the bad weather, looking for partners, running and migrating from danger and their enemies and looking for shelter and food.

Population

The population of my animal is large
since they live in herds. Are found
in many savanna regions.



Status

The status of the giraffe tells me
whether it is endangered, threatened, or stable.
What I found out is that the most giraffe species
aren't endangered. I find this
interesting because they have nine
subspecies. The giraffe is an amazing
and wonderful creature. Its legs alone
are taller than many humans.

Reproduction

The reproduction of the giraffe is
age of sexual maturity is 11-12
years. Female giraffes give birth while
standing up. Their youngones endure a
rather rude welcome into the world.

Habitat...home

The giraffe's habitat is in
savannas, grasslands and woodlands



Prey and predator...(to eat and to be eaten)

The prey my animal eats are: my animal
does not prey on other animals
because it is a herbivore.

My animal eats other things such as:
leaves of plants.



The predators that eat me are: lions,
leopards, spotted hyenas and wild dogs.



Food web

My animal is a giraffe. The following picture demonstrates where my animal fits in the food web.



Aborigines

I'm curious to see if the aborigines used the giraffe in anyway, for example, for food, clothing, or for other purposes. What I discovered is that the aborigines kill giraffes for their skin because of the coat of the giraffe. They take the coat and make goods like shoes, bags and dresses also trousers.



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Thank you for reading my book. I hope you enjoyed it and learned a lot about the giraffe. Please feel free to comment about my book and also, test your knowledge by answering the following *questions* below. I look forward to hearing from you.

Comments for me:

Questions for you: (*See if you can answer these...*)

1. Does my animal camouflage? How?
2. Does my animal have physical characteristics? Name?
3. What is the aborigine native of my animal?

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