

Elections in Ethiopia (June 4, 2026)

TEACHING GUIDE

What? The national elections that took place in Ethiopia, a large country located in East Africa.

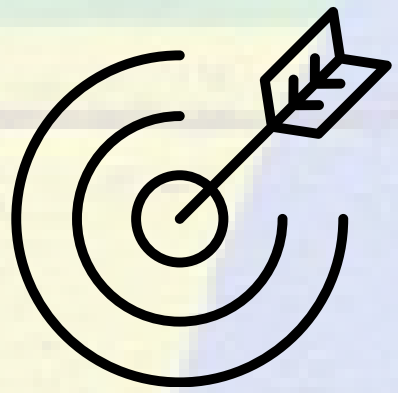
Who? Ethiopians, about 130 million people, the vast majority of whom are young.

Where? Ethiopia is located in the region known as the Horn of Africa.

When? Monday, June 1, 2026.

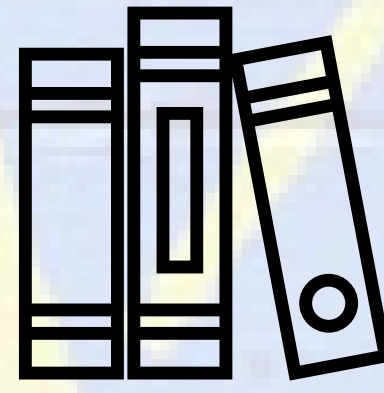
Why is it important? Because Ethiopia is one of the oldest countries in the world and one of the most populous in Africa.

For this activity, your goal will be to learn more about Ethiopia.



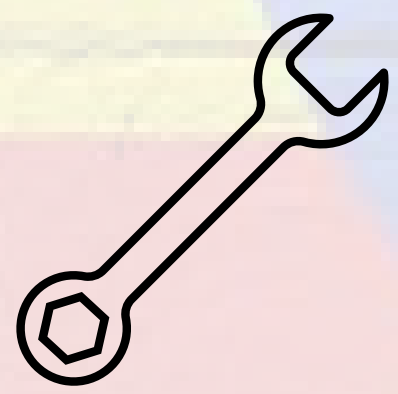
OBJECTIVES

- Discover the main characteristics of Ethiopia
- Explore the country's remarkable landscapes and places
- Read and interpret a double bar graph
- Perform calculations using real population data
- Compare the population trends of different countries



SUBJECTS

- **Social Studies/Geography**
 - East Africa
 - Characteristics of a country
 - Landscapes and World Heritage
- **Mathematics**
 - Reading bar graphs
 - Subtracting large numbers
 - Comparing numerical data
- **English**
 - Reading and comprehension
 - Short answers
 - Describing a landscape



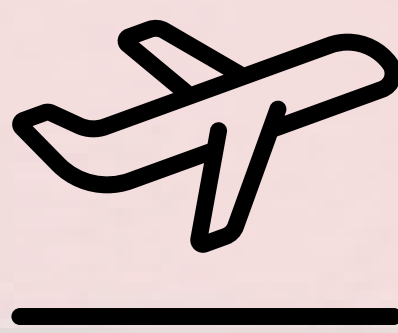
COMPETENCIES

- Search for and interpret information
- Read and interpret a graph
- Perform calculations with large numbers
- Organize ideas
- Produce short and precise answers



DURATION

- Approximately 60 minutes



GETTING STARTED

- Ask students if they can locate Ethiopia on a map or globe
- Ask them what they know or imagine about this country
- Show a picture of Addis Ababa and ask: what does a big African city look like?
- Discuss: Why do some countries grow faster than others?

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

STEP 1 — Discovering Ethiopia. Learning about the country's main features using Wikipedia and completion of a fact sheet.

Capital — Addis Ababa

Population — 135,500,000 (according to Wikipedia)

Area — 1,104,300 km²

Currency — Birr

Two official languages — Amharic, Oromo, Somali, Tigrinya and Afar

STEP 2 — Wonders of Ethiopia. Exploration of three remarkable sites using Google Earth and answers to observation questions.

Q1 — The Blue Nile.

Q2 — Personal answer

Q3 — Personal answer

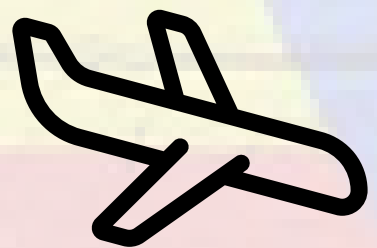
STEP 3 — A Growing Country. Analysis of a double bar graph (2025 vs. 2050) and answers to four math questions.

Q4 — No, because its population will be 225 million, compared to 359 million for Nigeria.

Q5 — $225 - 139 = 86$ million.

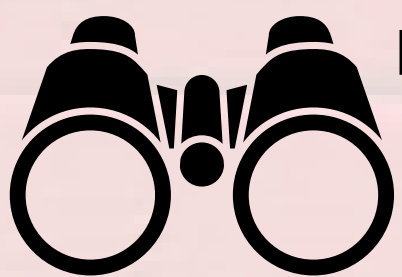
Q6 — Yes! China and Russia.

Q7 — That's wrong! India will experience the largest increase (+204 million). Ethiopia ranks fourth (+86 million).



WRAPPING UP

- Conduct a group discussion about what the students have learned.
- Discuss what surprised them most (landscapes, people, modernity).
- Ask: Why is it important to learn about other countries?
- Make connections between geography, mathematics, and current events.



FURTHER EXPLORATION

 Ethiopia. Globe Trottin' Kids.
www.globetrottinkids.com/countries/ethiopia/



- $86 \div 139 \times 100 \approx 62\%$. The Ethiopian population increased by about two-thirds.
- In absolute numbers, it's India (+204 million compared to +86 million for Ethiopia). As a percentage, it's Ethiopia ($\approx 62\%$ compared to $\approx 14\%$ for India). A large country can gain many inhabitants while growing slowly in proportion.





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Ethiopia is booming!

Have you successfully completed all three steps? Well done! Here's an extra challenge to take it even further.

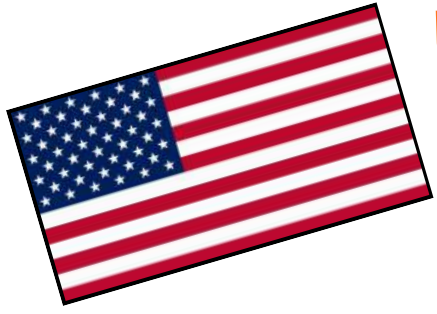
This time, you won't just be comparing numbers: you'll be calculating percentages.

A percentage is a way of showing how much something has changed compared to the starting point.

For example, if you had 100 marbles and you receive 50 more, your collection has increased by 50%.



Let's take an example with the **United States**. The population of this country was around **350 million inhabitants** in 2025. It will be around **380 million inhabitants** in 2050.

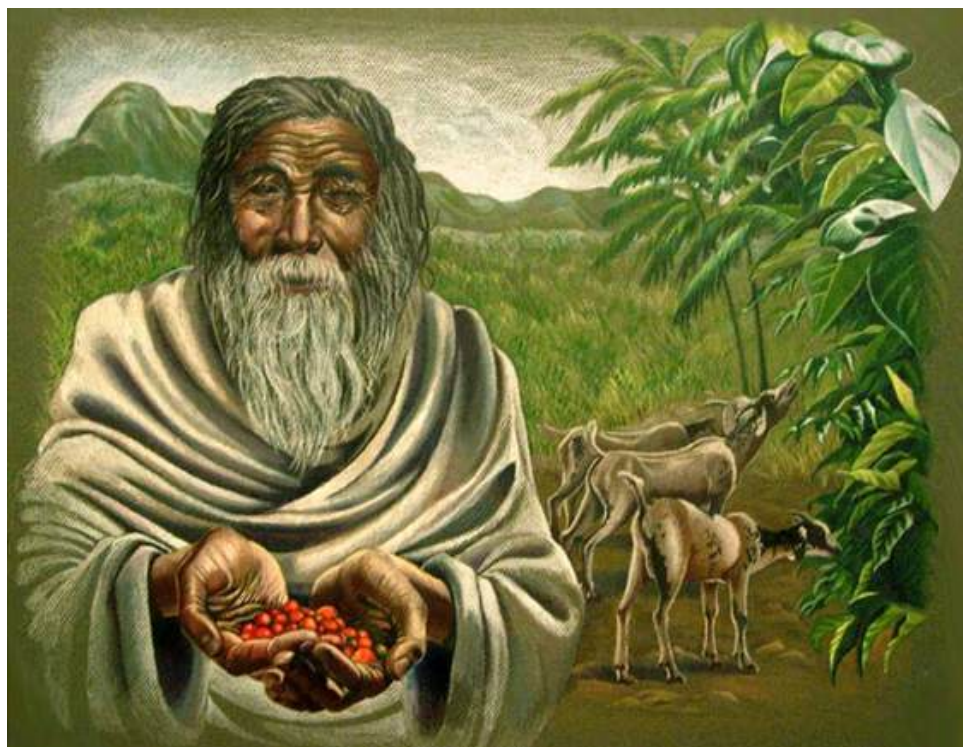


- Population growth: $380 - 350 = 30$ million
- Growth percentage: $(\text{difference} \div \text{starting number}) \times 100$
 $(30 \div 350) \times 100 = 8.6\%$



Now, answer these two questions about Ethiopia's population!

- Ethiopia's population will increase from 139 million to 225 million between 2025 and 2050. Calculate what percentage its population will increase.
- Compare Ethiopia and India. In terms of the number of inhabitants, which of the two countries will grow the most by 2050? And in terms of percentage increase, which will grow the most?



☕ Did you know that coffee originated in Ethiopia?

According to an old legend, a young shepherd named Kaldi was tending his goats in the mountains of the Kaffa region. One day, he noticed that his goats were jumping and dancing around, unable to calm down! Intrigued, he observed that they had eaten small red berries from a bush. Curious, he tasted them and felt energized!

He brought these berries to the village monks, who discovered that boiling them in water produced a perfect hot drink to help them stay awake during their long evening prayers. Coffee was born!

Today, this beverage is one of the most popular in the world, and Ethiopia remains one of the major producers. In fact, the word "coffee" may well have originated in Kaffa, the region where Kaldi's goats started it all!