Rain in a Dry Land
Viewing Guide

Name:_____

Directions: Make careful observations while watching the film clip and respond to the questions below.

Background: In 1991, civil war broke out in Somalia. Thousands of Somalian Bantu families fled from the violence across the border into Kenya where they've lived for years in United Nations refugee camps. The United States has helped to resettle thousands of these refugees in cities all across America. To prepare for this resettlement, the refugees attend a class to learn about life in the U.S.

1. What was life like for the people in the film before they lived in the refugee camp?

2. Describe the living conditions of the refugee camp.

3. What specific information did the refugees learn about the United States in their class?

4. How might the refugees' culture and experience influence their perceptions of the U.S? What expectations might they have for what their lives would be like in America?