

Selections from student essays and letters—July 2011

Willy, on Democracy

My fellow students and I recently discussed democracy in class. The advantages of democracy are political tolerance, openness and transparency, and freedom to be critical. These qualities can reduce corruption.

Amos, on the Importance of National Leaders' Behavior

Good manners of leaders can promote a country's development. If a country has good leadership, it can develop economically, politically, and socially. An example is the proper management of the country's wealth from natural resources such as minerals and the fishing industry. Also good manners can help avoid conflicts within the country. For example some leaders do not like to retire, which can lead to conflicts and civil war, as seen in Ivory Coast and Zimbabwe. Good manners help make good relationships with other countries, too. If a country has good leadership, it helps it to get aid from other countries. A good example of this is Tanzania, whose leaders do not support corruption or the violation of human rights.

Eliud, on Deforestation

The need for fuels like wood and charcoal result in the cutting of vegetation. Because of poverty, people resort to using cheap energy sources like firewood, which speeds up the deforestation process. We can curb deforestation through educating people about the importance of preserving forests and be aware of the signs of drought desertification.

Lamson, on his plans after Form Four

After completing Form Four, I would like to study computers because in our daily activities in this world, computing is very important to know. In my future, I plan to be an accountant so computers are particularly important to me.

a letter from Pascal to Tutaweza

I am fine and doing well in my classes. I am cooperating with the other students and my brother is teaching me how best to handle my studies and life at school.