

## Educational Guide for Three Statues



### Description

- These statues depict three members of the Maasai cultural group.
- They were acquired by Ben and Betty Werner in Kenya in the mid-1900s, likely after the establishment of Kenya's first post-colonial government in 1963.
- Statues such as these are sold by the Maasai to tourists to stimulate their income and support the preservation of traditional Maasai land.

### Comparison

- These statues are comparable to a postcard depicting local people that you may purchase while visiting an unfamiliar city. They show what people in that city are like to people at home.

### Trivia

**Q:** What kind of wood was used to create these statues?

**A:** Acacia Wood

**Q:** How many Maasai live in Kenya and Tanzania today?

**A:** Around 1 million

### Creative Exercise

- Take a close look at the three statues. With two other group members, act out what these figures may talk about when they meet every day. What do you think they are doing?