



**Title:** *We All Went on Safari: A Counting Journey Through Tanzania* written by Laurie Krebs, illustrated by Julia Cairns

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**Synopsis:** Everyone is invited to join Arusha, Mosi, Tumpe and their Maasai friends as they embark on an exciting counting adventure through the grasslands of Tanzania! Along the way, children will discover many different kinds of African animals - including lions, hippos, warthogs, and monkeys - as they learn how to count from one to ten in both English and Swahili.

The book includes a map of Tanzania and facts about the Maasai people.

**Themes:** Africa, Animals, Counting, Languages

**Author Information:**

<http://www.barefoot-books.com/us/site/pages/home.php>

Laurie Krebs lives in Ridgefield, Connecticut with her husband. Her four children are grown and Laurie now has five grandchildren. She has always been fascinated with words and played around with rhyme and poetry. When she became a first grade teacher and fell in love with children's literature, she began to create books for and with her students. She then began to think of herself as an author and enjoys creating books that children will enjoy.

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Julia Cairns began her career as a fine artist in Botswana, Africa, where she lived for nine years. Though she now resides in the United States, Julia continues to be inspired by the joyful and hopeful spirit that she found in the people of Botswana.

Julia's artwork has been praised for its contrasts and colors. She has illustrated four books for children, including *Off to the Sweet Shores of Africa*, which was the recipient of an ALA Notable Award, and *The Spider Weaver*, which was nominated for the NAACP Image Award for Children's Literature. Julia lives in Northern California with her husband, two children, two dogs, two horses and three chickens. She is also known for her watercolor paintings.

**Activities:**

Benchmark 2: The student understands the significance of literature and its contributions to various cultures.

This book provides a great jumping-off point for learning about Africa.

Have students complete a KWL chart about Africa or make a counting book in both English and Swahili. Play with your students! Take them on a safari around the classroom.

Learn about the endangered animals in Africa. Make a map of where they live. Make a bar graph of how many are left in each area. Many zoos websites will help with information.

[www.elephants.com](http://www.elephants.com) The Elephant Sanctuary – Great website...all about elephants.

Math integration, foreign language integration

**Discussion questions:**

Background Questions:

- What is safari? What would you see on a safari?

During /After Questions:

- Have you seen these animals before? In a zoo? What does endangered mean?
- What animals do we see here in the wild?
- How else are the Maasai people different from you?