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**Documentary Film Analysis**

**“God Grew Tired of Us”**

**Before Viewing:**

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| 1) What is a documentary film? | 2) What is the purpose of a documentary film? |
| 3) What is bias? What is perspective? | 4) Based on the title, make 3 predictions. |

**During Viewing**

1. What is your initial thought/reaction to the conditions in the refugee camp and life in Kenya for the Lost Boys? In your perspective is East Africa a ***nice*** place? Why?
2. When the boys are interviewed about coming to the U.S, why do some of them have mixed feelings about leaving Kakuma Refugee Camp and moving to the USA? What are the perspectives that they have about the U.S.? (Give at least 2 specific examples).
3. What persuasive devices are used in the film? List at least five examples of each.

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| Ethos |  |
| Pathos |  |
| Logos |  |

1. Pick one character (one of the Lost Boys) to follow throughout the film. Use this space to write down his experiences and perspectives on his life as a refugee.

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| Character: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |

**After Viewing:**

1) Which persuasive appeal was used most? Do you feel that this film has caused you to think in the way the filmmakers would have wanted?

2) What scene stood out to you most? Why?

3) How were the boys’ lives better when they got to America? How were they worse?

4) How would you feel in the refugee camp situation? How would it affect you to be stuck in that camp for ten years?

5) In the film, John says, “Life here in Kakuma here is just that you are waiting for your grave.” What would it be like to live in that situation as a teenager or young adult? How is that different from the way you live or lived as a teenager?

6) What were some of the difficulties the Lost Boys faced when they came to the U.S.? What are some other difficulties you think the refugees in America might face?

**Writing Extension:**

Putting yourself in the perspective of one of the Lost Boys, write a short memoir using sensory details about your experiences as a refugee. You may pick your form, i.e. poem, personal narrative, etc.

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