**Mswati III, King of Swaziland**

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Mswati III is the king of Swaziland, a land of mountainous splendor near the southern tip of

Africa. He is famed for extravagant spending that contrasts sharply with his country's widespread

poverty.

Mswati III has taken 13 brides; each has received a palace and a new BMW. The king’s salary is

more than 30 million dollars, and invests in sugar cane, commercial property and a newspaper.

Forbes.com recently listed Mswati III as the world’s 15th wealthiest monarch, estimating his

fortune at $200 million.

Swazis have enjoyed decades of peace and are rightfully proud of their culture. But poverty has

entrapped two-thirds of the people, leaving hundreds of thousands of them malnourished. The

country has one of the worst rates of H.I.V. infection in the world. Life expectancy has fallen

from 60 years in 1997 to barely half that now. Nearly a third of all children have lost a parent.

Most of Swaziland’s 1.1 million people love their monarch. God gave the country to the king,

many of them say, and the king was given to the people by God. Mswati III’s father, Sobhuza II,

also liked to marry. It was said that he took 70 wives, though some put the number as high as

110. Sobhuza II was king when the nation became free from British colonialism. The country

was left with a constitution but Sobhuza II did not abide by this document for long. In 1973, he

dissolved Parliament and eliminated political parties.

In 2005 Mswati III signed a new constitution. It was a peculiar document, guaranteeing

individual liberties with one hand and preserving the monarchy’s power with the other. The king

would continue to appoint the prime minister and members of the governing cabinet and the

judiciary.

In the summer of 2008, frustration over the king's extravagance increased over the scale of a

giant festival, the 40-40 Celebration, so-named to honor the king’s 40th birthday and the nation’s

40th year of independence. To prepare for the event, a new 15,000-seat stadium was built and a

fleet of top-of-the-line BMW sedans was ordered for the comfort of visiting dignitaries. Some

1,500 citizens grumpily marched in protest through the capital after news reports said that

several of the queens and their entourages had gone on an overseas shopping trip aboard a

chartered plane.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2008/09/06/world/africa/06king.html?pagewanted=2&\_r=1&sq=Swaz

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For the reading: List the critical attributes & definition of our concept.

Critical Attributes:

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Does the example fit all of the criteria and the definition of our concept? ***Write in the form of a thesis***:

For each attribute, provide one specific point of support, ***FROM THE READING***, to back up your position, with analysis:

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