

A Long Walk to Water - Reading Comprehension Questions

Due: Monday, May 22nd, 2023. Remember to answer in complete sentences or points will be deducted.

Chapter 1

1. Describe Salva's family and home life.
2. What are the issues for which the rebels are fighting the government?

Chapter 2

3. How does Nya spend her time?
4. Why does the group leave the rebels?

Chapter 3

5. What has been the purpose of Nya's journey every day?
6. What is the history between the Nuer and the Dinka tribes?

Chapter 4

7. List additional information you learned about Nya in this chapter.
8. Why doesn't the group want Salva along?

Chapter 5

9. What do Salva and Marial have in common?
10. What does it mean that Salva "heard that sigh all the way to his heart?"

Chapter 6

11. Nya and her mother think differently about the camp. How does Nya feel about the camp and how does Nya's mother feel about the camp?
12. Finally, something good happens for Salva. How does it make a difference for him? For the group?

Chapter 7

13. What is wrong with Akeer? What choice is the family facing?
14. What changes as the group approaches the Nile? How do they get across?

Chapter 8

15. Is the solution for Akeer within the means of the family?
16. How do the villagers get food without money?

Chapter 9

17. How does the village chief welcome strangers? What do you think they want?
18. What do they find when they reach other people in the desert?

Chapter 10

19. What do the two strangers want from Nya's chief?
20. What happened to the village of Loun-Ariik?

Chapter 11

21. What will it mean if water is not found in the land between the tree?
22. What does the orange scarf mean to Salva?

Chapter 12

23. What does Salva decide to do to survive?
24. How does school look in the refugee camp?

Chapter 13

25. What things make drilling so difficult?

26. What is the government trying to do by driving people into the water?

Chapter 14

27. Why does the village celebrate?

Chapter 15

28. Why can't the boys drink the water spraying from the hole?

Chapter 16

29. What are the many risks Salva is taking in order to find his father?

Chapter 17

30. Why does Nya ask if the girls can go to school too?

Chapter 18

31. "Why would a Dinka bring water to us?" How would you answer Nya's question?