

1. Describe Salva as a student, his school, and what he learns. Can you make any connections?
2. Describe Salva's family and home life. How is it similar to your own? How is it different?
3. What issues are the rebels fighting against the government for? What does it mean for Sudan to become Muslim?
4. Why does the teacher urge the students to "run into the bush."
5. Why does Salva learn the Arabic language?
6. . Why is Salva's father considered successful?
7. .What do you think the author meant when she said that "going was easy" when she described the ways Nya could carry the container?
8. .What is the main idea of Salva's story in chapter 1?

9. . Why don't Salva's sisters, Akit and Agnath, go to school? Support your answer from the text.
10. . Why couldn't Salva attend school all year?