Chapter 9 & 10 A Long Walk to Water

- 1. For what purpose do you think the visitors came to Nya's village? What do you predict will happen with the visitors?
- 2. What does water symbolize in this chapter? Explain your answer.
- 3. Why does the woman give the dying men water, even when she knows it will not help and that it will hurt her own chances of survival? What does this say about her character?
- 4. How do you think the visitors will find water in the spot between the trees when Nya has never seen any water there before?
- 5. Salva wonders to himself if he would have given water to the dying men if he were older. Based on what you know about his character, what do you think he would have done? Explain your answer.
- 6. Why did the strangers rob the group and shoot Uncle? What do you think was their purpose for doing this?