

***A Long Walk To Water* by Linda Sue Park**

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

Please give answers in complete sentences.

CHAPTER 1

1. This novel has two different story lines in it. Who is the main character of the first story line (Sudan 2008)? How old is this character?
2. Who is the main character of the second story line (Sudan 1985)? How old is he? Where is this character (specifically) when his story begins?
3. What is this character's tribe called?
4. In what way does this character realize he is lucky?
5. Describe this character's family.
6. What does this character look forward to getting when he gets home?
7. What happens that interrupts this character's normal day?
8. What is happening where this character lives?

CHAPTER 2

1. What happens to Nya in this chapter?
2. How do the people walking along with Salva choose to divide themselves up?
3. What is the name of Salva's village?
4. What do the soldiers do with the people?
5. What does Salva try to do in the rebel camp?
6. What happens to the men the next morning?
7. Where do the women and children sleep after leaving the rebel camp?
8. What has happened to Salva when he awakens after an itchy night in the hay?

CHAPTER 3

1. Describe the pond where Nya gets water.
2. Does the water Nya gets sound good to drink? Explain.
3. How does Nya carry the water home?

4. Why does Salva think the others left him behind?
5. What does Salva see when he leaves the barn?
6. How does he know the woman is part of his tribe?
7. What does the woman give Salva when he first approaches her?
8. How long does Salva stay with the woman?
9. Why do Salva and the woman have to separate?
10. What does Salva hear as he sits in the barn pondering the woman's words?

CHAPTER 4

1. What does Nya's mother do with the water?
2. What does Nya have to eat when she returns home?
3. What does her mother tell Nya to do on her next trip to the pond?
4. What do the strangers say when the old woman asks them to take Salva with them?
5. Why does one man agree to bring Salva with them?
6. What does the old woman give Salva before he leaves with the others?
7. Who else joins the group after about a week of walking?
8. Who is the young man that Salva walks next to on the day the group eats well?
9. Who finds food for the group and what food does this person find?

CHAPTER 5

1. How far from Nya's village is the big lake?
2. Why doesn't Nya's family live near the big lake all the time?
3. How does Nya fetch water at the lake?
4. What happened when the group tried to get the honey from the beehive?
5. Why can one man not enjoy the honey?
6. How does Salva meet Marial?
7. Where is the group headed?
8. What do the Dinka call the Atuot and why?

CHAPTER 6

1. What does Nya like about the camp at the lake?
2. What is Nya's mother afraid of when the family is at the lake camp?
3. Who calls Salva's name?
4. How long had this person been walking with the group before finding Salva?
5. What does this person have that makes him useful to the group?
6. What causes Salva to be up sick most of a night?
7. What does this person tell Salva after Salva and the group have slept just off the path following a ten hour all-night walk?