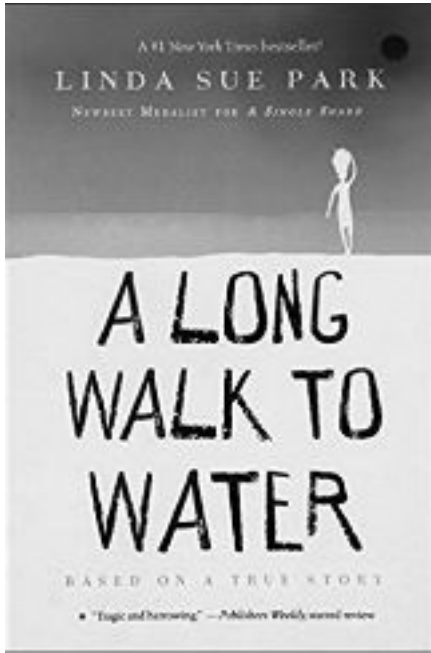


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Congratulations! This fall you will be entering the challenging, yet exciting, world of high school. One of your first responsibilities is to read *A Long Walk to Water* by Linda Sue Park. Not only are you expected to arrive to your first day of high school having read this book, but it is also essential, and required, for you to complete this assignment.

The *New York Times* bestseller *A Long Walk to Water* begins as two stories, told in alternating sections, about two eleven-year-olds in Sudan, a girl in 2008 and a boy in 1985. The girl, Nya, is fetching water from a pond that is a two hours' walk from her home: she makes two trips to the pond every day. The boy, Salva, becomes one of the "lost boys" of Sudan, refugees who cover the African continent on foot as they search for their families and for a safe place to stay. Enduring every hardship from loneliness to attack by armed rebels to contact with killer lions and crocodiles, Salva is a survivor, and his story goes on to intersect with Nya's in an astonishing and moving way (Amazon.com).

For this assignment, you will be taking notes in response to three different questions as you read: *What is the source of conflict for the boy, Salva? What is the source of conflict for the girl, Nya? How does the theme of perseverance play a role in the novel?* Feel free to bullet your information, however, be as thorough as possible so this information can be retrieved from your memory for class discussion in September! Identify examples and page numbers as you read.

Happy reading! See you in September!

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What is the source of conflict for the boy, Salva?

[Identify the source of conflict and examples of times throughout the story when he struggles to overcome that conflict.]

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What is the source of conflict for the girl, Nya?

[Identify the source of conflict and examples of times throughout the story when she struggles to overcome that conflict.]

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How does the theme of PERSEVERANCE play a role in the novel?

[Identify examples from the text.]