

A Long Walk to Water

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A Novel Study by:

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Dictionary Detective!

Chapters 1 - 3

Using a dictionary, find the definitions for the words below.

official

Definition: _____

honored

Definition: _____

aimless

Definition: _____

urgent

Definition: _____

rebels

Definition: _____

ritual

Definition: _____

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Vocabulary Study

Chapters 1 - 3

Match Up

Match the words in the left column to their definitions in the right column.

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| official • | • highly respected |
| honored • | • serious and persistent |
| aimless • | • people who fight against those in power |
| urgent • | • that which has the approval of an authority |
| rebels • | • relating to a religious ceremony |
| ritual • | • without any purpose or goal |

Fill in the Blank

Complete each sentence by filling in the blanks with the provided vocabulary.

honored rebels urgent official ritual aimless

1. We spent an _____ weekend just lounging around the house.
2. We learned about the _____ burials of the ancient Egyptians.
3. The valedictorian is asked to make a speech as an _____ participant in the graduation ceremony.
4. The _____ plotted to take over a government building.
5. An _____ tornado warning was announced on the radio.
6. Our _____ school song is sung at every football game.

**A Little
Extra!**

Write a sentence about your school life using at least one vocabulary word from this section.

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Understanding the Story

Chapters 1 - 3

Multiple Choice

1. What language is Salva learning in school?

- (a) French.
- (b) Arabic.
- (c) English.
- (d) Dinka.

2. How does Nya carry the plastic water container?

- (a) On her head.
- (b) In a bag.
- (c) In a wagon.
- (d) On a bus.

Short Answer

3. Why don't Salva's sisters go to school?

Long Answer

4. Why does Salva's teacher tell the boys to run into the bush?

**A Little
Extra!**

In Chapter 3, Salva is listening to the buzz of insects and the rustling of dry leaves. "Buzz" and "rustling" are examples of *onomatopoeia*, a word that sounds like the thing it represents. Which of the following words are also examples of onomatopoeia?

moo	truck	bang	kitten	slurp
cow	crash	pop	factory	jump

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Chapter Summary

Chapters 1 - 3

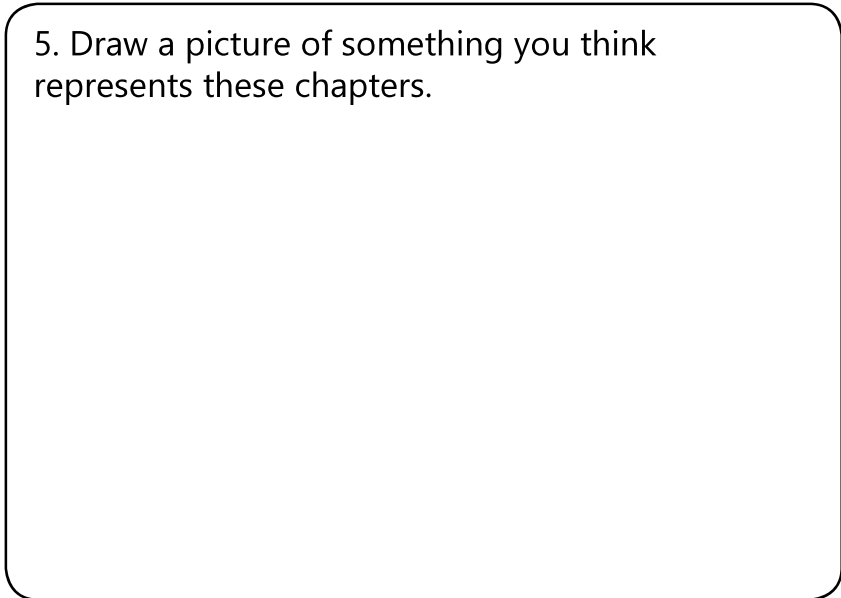
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Dictionary Detective!

Chapters 4 - 6

Using a dictionary, find the definitions for the words below.

sluggishly

Definition: _____

luscious

Definition: _____

makeshift

Definition: _____

charred

Definition: _____

heaving

Definition: _____

solemn

Definition: _____

Name: _____

Date: _____

Vocabulary Study

Chapters 4 - 6

Which Word?

On the provided lines, write the matching vocabulary word for each definition.

sluggishly	luscious	makeshift	charred	heaving	solemn
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1. A temporary substitute for an item which one lacks. _____
2. Rising and falling. _____
3. Having a rich, sweet taste. _____
4. In a slow and lazy way. _____
5. Something that has been blackened by fire. _____
6. Serious and stern. _____

Making Sentences

Make a sentence for each word below.

1. Sluggishly: _____
2. Luscious: _____
3. Makeshift: _____
4. Charred: _____
5. Heaving: _____
6. Solemn: _____

A Little Extra!

In Chapter 4, Nya says that she goes back and forth to the pond "Daily. Every single day." What do you think is the effect of this repetition?

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Understanding the Story

Chapters 4 - 6

Multiple Choice

1. How many months a year does Nya have to collect water from the pond?

- (a) Two.
- (b) Six.
- (c) Seven.
- (d) One.

2. Where does Marial say they are walking to in Chapter 5?

- (a) Ethiopia.
- (b) Northern Sudan.
- (c) Their village.
- (d) The city.

Short Answer

3. How does Buksa find the honey in Chapter 5?

Long Answer

4. Why does Nya's mother hate their lake camp?

**A Little
Extra!**

In Chapter 5, Salva describes the delicious honey he eats. Can you describe your favorite food?

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Chapter Summary

Chapters 4 - 6

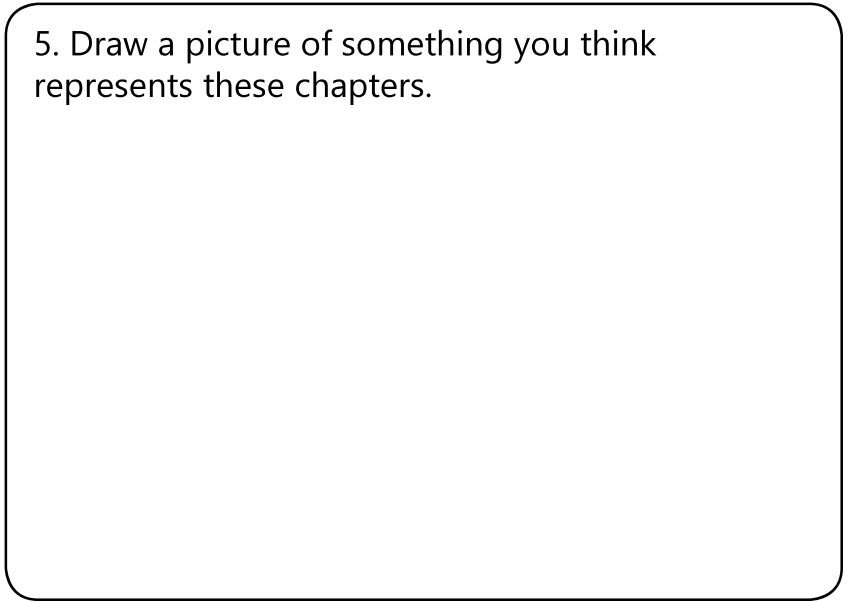
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Chapters 7 - 9

Using a dictionary, find the definitions for the words below.

cleverly

Definition: _____

monotonous

Definition: _____

abundance

Definition: _____

dismounted

Definition: _____

endured

Definition: _____

precise

Definition: _____

Vocabulary Study

Chapters 7 - 9

Match Up

A synonym is a word that means the same as another word. For example, happy and joyful are synonyms. Match the vocabulary words with their synonyms!

- | | |
|--------------|--------------|
| cleverly • | • wealth |
| monotonous • | • descended |
| abundance • | • withstood |
| dismounted • | • skillfully |
| endured • | • exact |
| precise • | • dull |

Best Word

Circle the word which works best in each sentence.

1. Watching golf on T.V. was so (precise / monotonous) that I fell asleep.
2. The cowboy (dismounted / abundance) his horse and led it to water.
3. Eric (cleverly / endured) the hot summer weather without using his air conditioner.
4. Leah (cleverly / monotonous) fixed her broken glasses with a bent staple and piece of tape.
5. My teacher gives us (precise / endured) instructions for writing our essays.
6. I have an (dismounted / abundance) of candy so you can have some if you'd like.

A Little Extra!

In Chapter 8, Salva remembers the mangos his father used to bring home, and he describes them with adverbs like "spinning *gaily*" or "clung *stubbornly*." Adverbs describe the action in detail. What adverbs can you use to describe Salva's journey?

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Understanding the Story

Chapters 7 - 9

Multiple Choice

1. Why does Nya's sister Akeer get sick?

- (a) She was bitten by a mosquito.
- (b) She ate spoiled food.
- (c) She drank bad water.
- (d) She has an infected cut.

2. How many days should it take to cross the Akobo desert?

- (a) Two.
- (b) Three.
- (c) Four.
- (d) Seven.

Short Answer

3. Why is Salva so afraid after Marial vanishes?

Long Answer

4. How does Salva's uncle get him to continue walking in the desert?

**A Little
Extra!**

In Chapter 9, the group has to make the hard decision of whether they should give the fallen men some of their water. What do you think you would do in this situation?

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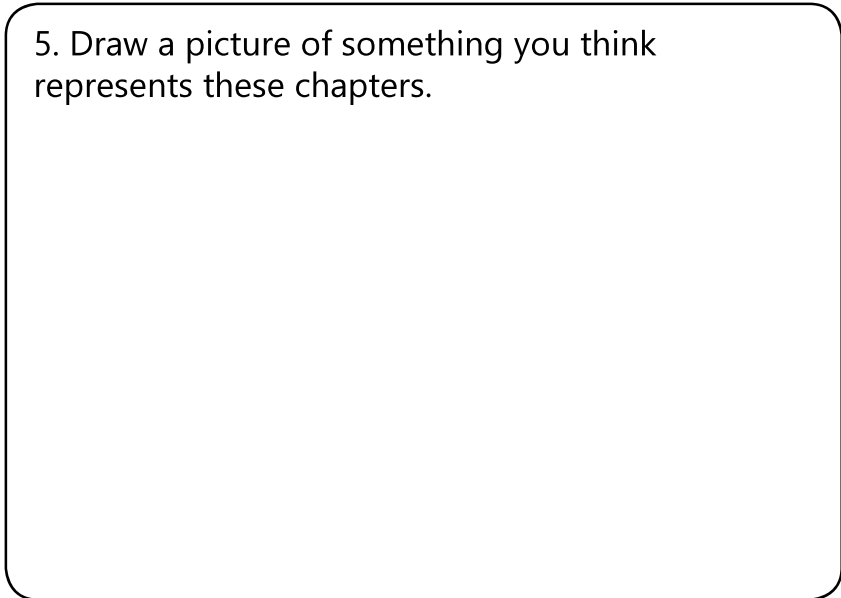
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Chapters 10 - 12

Using a dictionary, find the definitions for the words below.

ravaged

Definition: _____

receding

Definition: _____

looting

Definition: _____

grudgingly

Definition: _____

emaciated

Definition: _____

merciless

Definition: _____

Vocabulary Study

Chapters 10 - 12

Match Up

Match the words in the left column to their definitions in the right column.

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|--------------|--|
| ravaged • | • stealing goods during a time of unrest |
| receding • | • abnormally thin due to starvation |
| looting • | • severe; relentless |
| grudgingly • | • damaged or destroyed |
| emaciated • | • done in an unwilling way |
| merciless • | • moving back from a previous position |

Fill in the Blank

Complete each sentence by filling in the blanks with the provided vocabulary.

ravaged receding looting grudgingly emaciated merciless

- The stray dog was so _____ I could see his ribs.
- My father's hair is _____ back from his forehead.
- I _____ did the dishes because it was supposed to be my sister's turn to do them.
- The school bully is _____ to his victims.
- The cornfields were _____ by the tornado.
- When the power went out all over the city, thieves started _____.

**A Little
Extra!**

In Chapter 11, Salva realizes that Marial and Uncle would have wanted him to survive safely. He says it's almost as if they had left their strength with him. Can you think of anyone in your life who gives you strength?

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Date: _____

Understanding the Story

Chapters 10 - 12

Multiple Choice

1. How many years does Salva stay at the Itang refugee camp in Ethiopia?

- (a) Six years.
- (b) Two months.
- (c) A week.
- (d) One year.

2. Why are the refugees sent out of the camp?

- (a) Because they are too old.
- (b) Because they are too small.
- (c) Because the new rulers of Ethiopia are closing the camp.
- (d) Because they are fighting too much over food.

Short Answer

3. In Chapter 10, why does Salva realize it's good to be the youngest and smallest?

Long Answer

4. Why did Salva not run after the woman in the orange headscarf in the refugee camp?

**A Little
Extra!**

A metaphor is a figure of speech that compares two things to show how they are alike. Nya calls the drill an iron giraffe. The drill isn't literally a giraffe, but we know what she means. Can you think of any metaphors to describe a machine?

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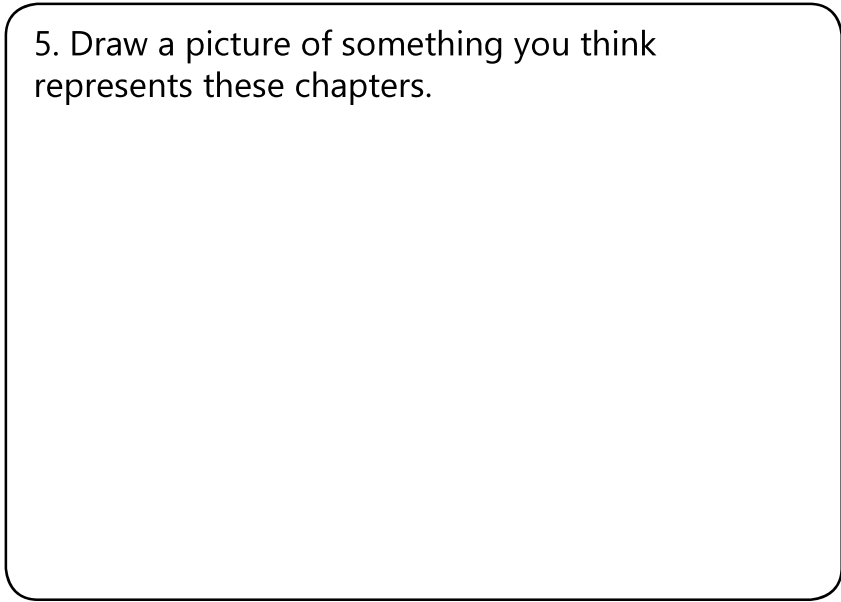
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Dictionary Detective!

Chapters 13 - 15

Using a dictionary, find the definitions for the words below.

launched

Definition: _____

marvel

Definition: _____

coax

Definition: _____

confirmed

Definition: _____

threadbare

Definition: _____

terminal

Definition: _____

Name: _____

Date: _____

Vocabulary Study

Chapters 13 - 15

Which Word?

On the provided lines, write the matching vocabulary word for each definition.

launched	marvel	coax	confirmed	threadbare	terminal
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1. A point of arrival or departure at an airport. _____
2. Convince or persuade someone of something. _____
3. Made a sudden energetic movement. _____
4. Worn-out and tattered. _____
5. Be filled with awe or wonder. _____
6. Verified that something is true. _____

Making Sentences

Make a sentence for each word below.

1. Launched: _____
2. Marvel: _____
3. Coax: _____
4. Confirmed: _____
5. Threadbare: _____
6. Terminal: _____

A Little Extra!

In Chapter 13, Salva is held underwater by another refugee who is desperately trying to escape the bullets and crocodiles. He thinks to himself, "He's holding on to me too hard...I can't...air...no air left..." Why do you think the author chose to use ellipses in this sentence?

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Understanding the Story

Chapters 13 - 15

Multiple Choice

1. Who is Michael?

- (a) An aid worker from Ireland.
- (b) A refugee from Sudan.
- (c) A refugee from Ethiopia.
- (d) A teacher from Japan.

2. Where in America does Salva go?

- (a) San Francisco, California.
- (b) Dallas, Texas.
- (c) Rochester, New York.
- (d) Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Short Answer

3. What does Salva learn from Michael?

Long Answer

4. How does Salva show good leadership when he takes the boys to Kenya?

**A Little
Extra!**

Salva has never experienced cold weather before he arrived in America. How would you describe winter to someone who has never experienced it?

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Chapter Summary

Chapters 13 - 15

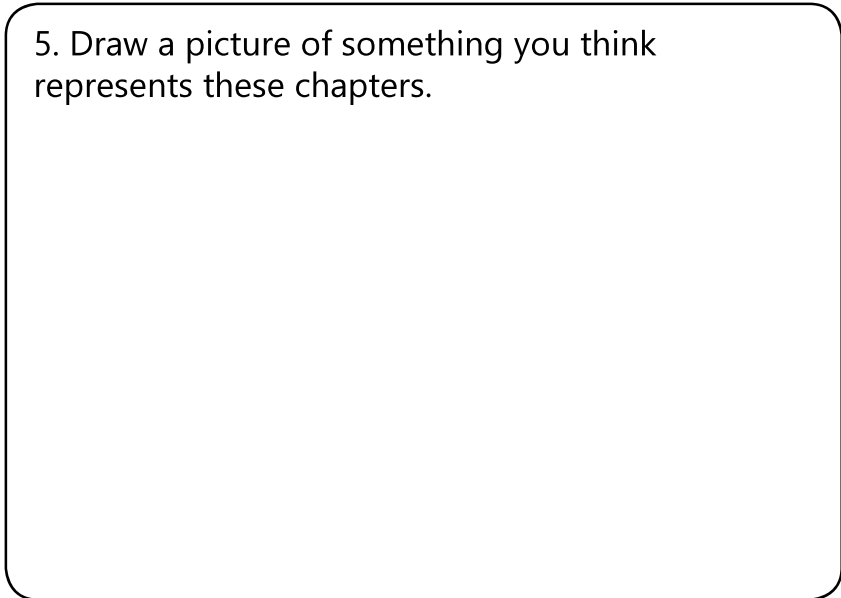
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Chapters 16 - 18

Using a dictionary, find the definitions for the words below.

bewildering

Definition: _____

vague

Definition: _____

poverty

Definition: _____

mourned

Definition: _____

haze

Definition: _____

disputes

Definition: _____

Vocabulary Study

Chapters 16 - 18

Match Up

Match the vocabulary words with their synonyms!

bewildering •

vague •

poverty •

mourned •

haze •

disputes •

• arguments

• grieved

• uncertain

• confusing

• hardship

• blur

Best Word

Circle the word which works best in each sentence.

1. I was so tired that I passed the day in a (haze / poverty).
2. Food banks are a big support for people living in (bewildering / poverty).
3. The oil company is involved in many (vague / disputes) related to pollution.
4. I'd like to redecorate my room but I only have a (vague / mourned) idea of what I want it to look like.
5. Shane finds our math homework (bewildering / haze), so I'm tutoring him.
6. Antonia wore black when she (disputes / mourned) the death of her grandfather.

**A Little
Extra!**

An antonym is a word that means the opposite of another word. Think of an antonym for the vocabulary words below.

Bewildering _____

Poverty _____

Mourned _____

Disputes _____

Name: _____

Date: _____

Understanding the Story

Chapters 16 - 18

Multiple Choice

1. Where does Salva find his father?

- (a) In New York.
- (b) In a medical clinic in Sudan.
- (c) In California.
- (d) In a refugee camp in Ethiopia.

2. Who is the crew leader for the well in Nya's village?

- (a) Salva.
- (b) Her father.
- (c) Her uncle.
- (d) Michael.

Short Answer

3. In Chapter 16, Nya's father asks if she can guess what they are building. What are they building?

Long Answer

4. How does Salva get the courage to speak in front of the crowded auditorium?

A Little Extra!

Salva achieves the goal of helping his people in Sudan the same way his uncle taught him – solving one problem at a time. What is one problem in your life – big or small – that you would you like to solve?

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Chapter Summary

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