**A Long Walk to Water**

**Reading Questions**

**Chapters 1-5**

1. Describe Salva’s family and home life. How is it similar to your own? How is it different?
2. What has been the purpose of Nya’s journey every day? How would you feel if this was how you spent your days?
3. Explain how water dictates Nya’s life.

**Chapters 6-11**

1. If you had to choose to be Nya or Salva, whose shoes you would rather walk in? Explain your choice.
2. What is wrong with Akeer? What are her symptoms? What is the choice facing the family? What would you do?
3. What changes as the group approaches the Nile? How do they get across?
4. What causes Akeer’s sickness and what must Nya’s family do to keep Akeer from getting sick again? What challenges will this pose for them?
5. Of all the difficulties that Salva has faced, which do you think is the worst?

**Chapters 12-18**

1. What are the positive and negative aspects of the refugee camps that Salva lived in?
2. What does Salva do after he leaves the refugee camp in Ethiopia?
3. Describe the process of drilling the well in Nya’s village (Chps. 12-15).
4. How does Salva end up going to America?
5. What are some of the major differences that Salva notices between Africa and the United States?

**Post Reading Assignment**

Go to the website http://water.org/water-crisis/womens-crisis/ (or, go to water.org, on the menu bar under "The Crisis," click on "Women's Crisis")

After reading the information about how water and sanitation can affect the lives of women in many countries, write a letter from Nya to Salva explaining the changes that the well has made for Nya and for people of southern Sudan. Be sure to mention how life was before and how life is different now. Be descriptive, using specific examples from *A Long Walk to Water*. Your response should be typed, one page, double-spaced.