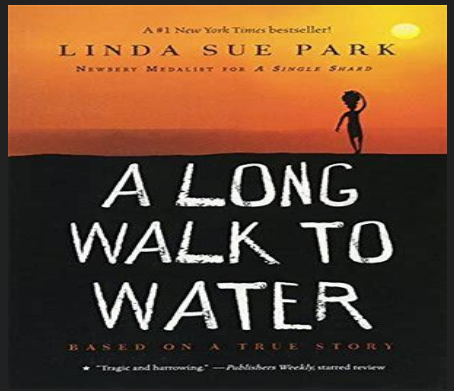


“A Long Walk to Water”

Engaging Families through Literacy and a Global Awareness Project

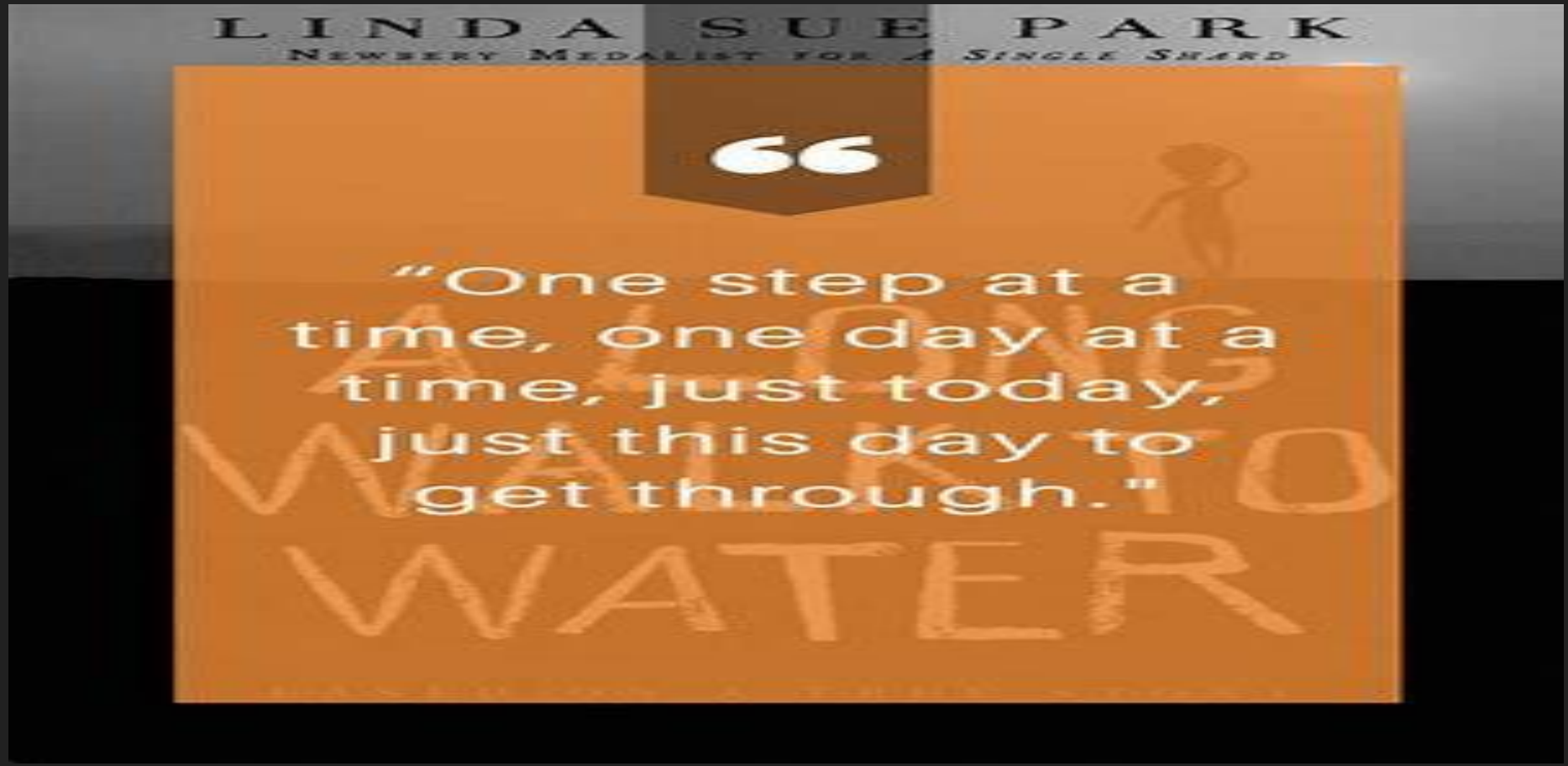
Guiding Questions for Novel Selection

- Is it accessible to all students?
- Will it foster a love of reading?
- Which standards will I teach, and how?
- What prior knowledge do my students need for this book to make sense?
- Will it broaden my students' perspectives on the world or speak to their own experiences?
- How can this novel stretch beyond the classroom?

“A Long Walk to Water”

- The novel focuses on two main characters, Salva and Nya who are from Sudan in Africa.
- Salva’s story is nonfiction while Nya’s is fictional, yet very realistic. Both characters face life-threatening dangers due to their setting.
- Two Voice Poem: Salva and Nya




LINDA SUE PARK
NEWBERY MEDALIST FOR A SINGLE SHARD
"One step at a time, one day at a time, just today, just this day to get through."
A LONG WALK TO WATER

One Step at a Time

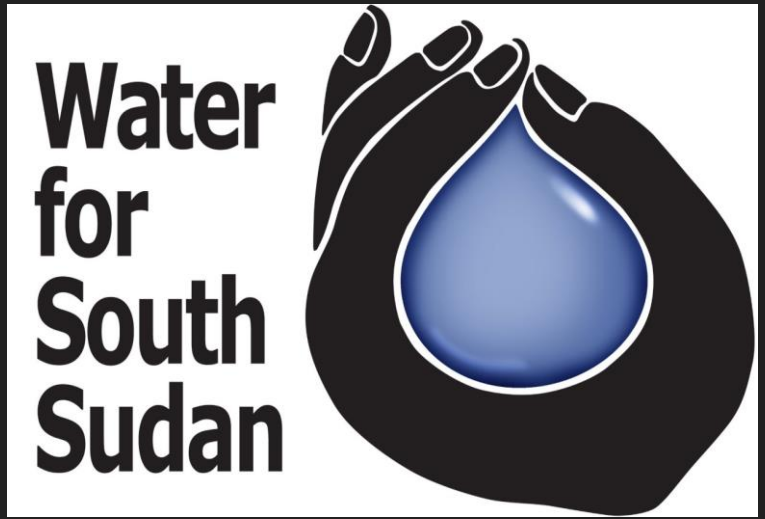
- Salva Dut has used the above matra, given to him by his uncle, as a way to persevere and live through incomprehensible acts of violence
- Salva has made the transformation from “Lost Boy” to a founding member of a non-profit organization that brings running water to tribes torn apart by these wars



“All this time, people have been dying and we have been sitting right on top of the water?”

--Village elder

after the first well was drilled



Pay It Forward

Our goal was to raise money for Salva Dut Ariik's foundation, Water for South Sudan. The foundation has been drilling wells in South Sudan since 2005, profoundly affecting life for more than 500,000 people. Each water well provides so much more than fresh, safe water. Once there is well in a village, children can spend their days in school, mothers can spend more time planting and harvesting more nutritious food for their families, villagers can make bricks to build permanent structures like schools and clinics, and whole villages start to set up a market to increase the economy. The effects of reliable water are truly life giving.

Service Project Planning

Students selected a committee to work on:

- Marketing Committee
- Budget Committee
- Program Committee

“A Long Walk to Water”

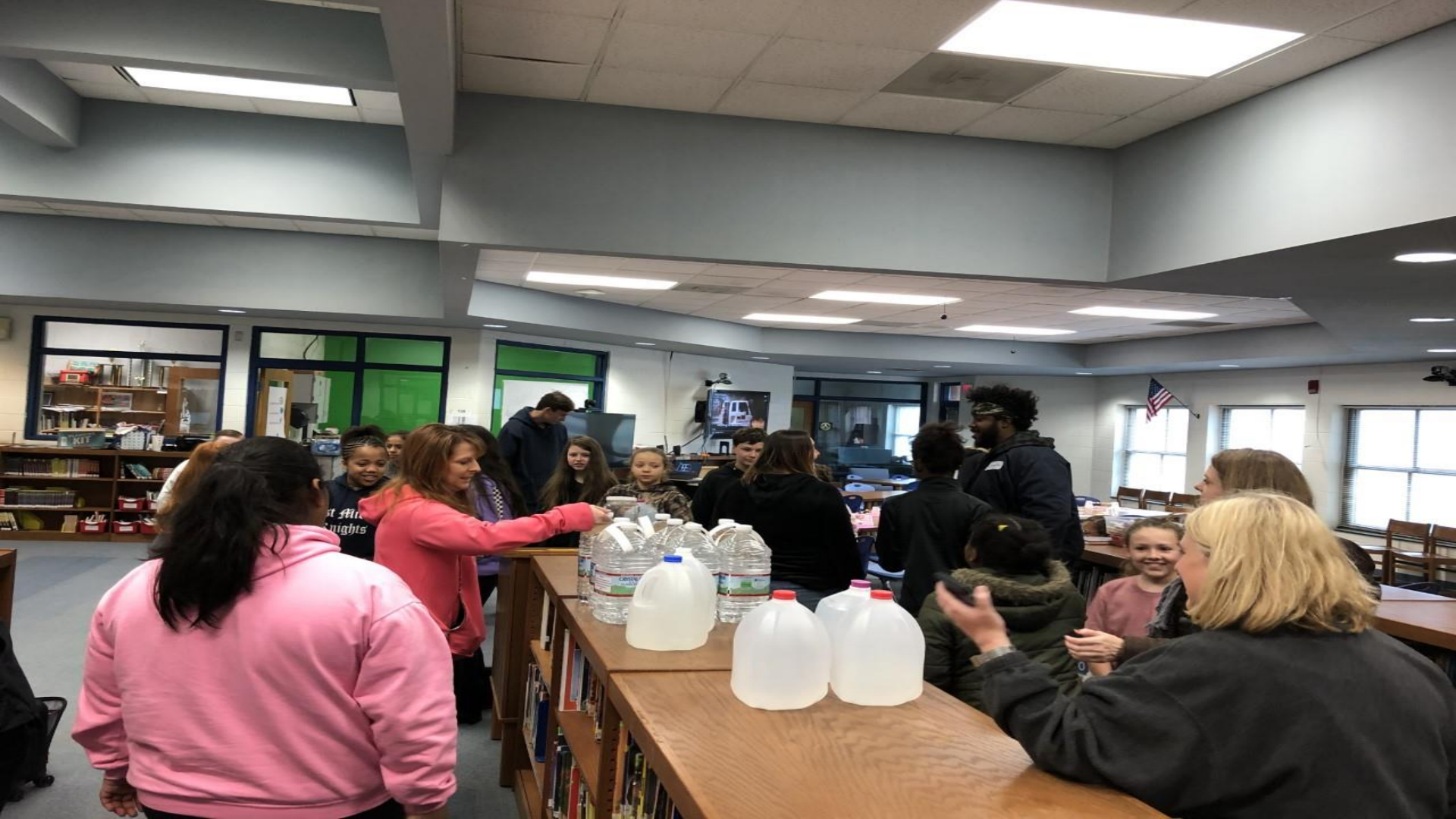
The event was held at East Middle School on Saturday, November 16, 2019 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Students and their families demonstrated their team building skills by building various types of bridges. The Long Walk to Water event started off with a video to provide background for the participants and to visualize the painstaking process of building a well. We then picked up our water to begin the simulation of what it was like for Nya. Each member carried up to two gallons of water through a mile trail through the woods while learning about life in Sudan, the “Lost Boys”, Salva’s life and transformation, and Nya’s life and future.

Thirty-two were in attendance and over one-hundred and fifty dollars were raised for Salva Dut’s organization, Water for South Sudan.






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