



2026 SUMMER ASSIGNMENT

7th Grade English

Ms. Foos

A Long Walk to Water (978-0-547-57731-9)



Rising 7th-grade students are required to read one novel during the Summer of 2026, *A Long Walk to Water* by Linda Sue Park.

SUMMER ASSIGNMENTS ARE DUE ON THE FIRST DAY OF CLASSES.

One goal of 7th-grade English is to expand the students' understanding of the world and explore how other people live. *A Long Walk to Water* is based on the true story of Salva Dut, a Sudanese boy forced to flee his home during the Second Sudanese Civil War. When he was just 11 years old, Salva was separated from his family and sent on a dangerous journey to Ethiopia. He spent several months walking through the desert and, when he finally arrived in Ethiopia, was placed in a refugee camp.

The story then jumps to the present day, where Salva is now an adult living in America. He works for an organization that builds wells in Sudan, and he can return to his home country to help others facing the same struggles he once encountered.

1. As you read the novel, pause at the end of each chapter and write a summary of three important events that occurred during that chapter. Jot these down within this book itself. You do not need to write complete sentences; these may be bullet points.
2. After reading the novel, answer the following four questions in well-written paragraphs of at least seven sentences each. You may use additional paper if necessary.

Artificial Intelligence (AI), which is technology that can generate text, ideas, or answers to complete an assignment, may not be used to complete this assignment. All ideas, wording, and responses must be created independently and reflect your own thinking.

Question #1 - How does the environment impact Salva and Nya's lives?

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Question #2 - How might your life be different if you did not have access to clean water? Consider what you do in your daily life that requires safe water.

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Question #3 - What does hope mean to you? How does hope work? Explain.

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