

Chapter 11

Comprehension Questions:

1. What do the villagers begin working on after the two men in the jeep leave?
2. Where does the group bury Uncle?
3. What happened to the stork the group was cooking?
4. How does Salva feel now that Marial and Uncle are both gone?
5. How does the attitude of the group toward Salva change once Uncle is dead?
6. What does Salva see when he reaches the refugee camp?
7. Who does Salva think he sees on his second day in the camp?

Chapter 12

Comprehension Questions:

1. What is the red iron giraffe that is brought to the village?
2. What do the villagers do with the rocks that the women bring back to the village?
3. What does Salva realize as he is trying to catch up with the woman in the orange headscarf?
4. How long does Salva live at the refugee camp?
5. How old is Salva when the camp is closed?
6. Where do the soldiers chase the people of the camp?
7. What are the dangers of the place the people are being driven toward?

Background Information: Uprising in Ethiopia

The refugee camp is closed following an uprising against the government of Ethiopia. After living in safety at the camp for years, the refugees are driven out by a different civil war.

After the government of Ethiopia was overthrown in 1991, it took three years to write a new constitution.

For more information:

<https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/et.html>

Chapter 13

Comprehension Questions:

1. What does Nya find funny about drilling for water?
2. What discourages the drilling crew?
3. Who keeps encouraging and pushing the workers to continue working?
4. What happens to the young man Salva watches jump into the river?
5. What forces Salva to finally jump into the water?
6. How does another boy accidentally save Salva's life?
7. Where does Salva decide to walk toward?
8. What happens as Salva is walking?
9. What does Salva decide the group needs to do to travel safely?
10. How many boys make it to Kenya? How long does it take?

Extension/Discussion Questions:

1. How do memories of his family help Salva get the group of boys safely to Kenya?

Chapter 14

Comprehension Questions:

1. What happens on the third afternoon of drilling in Nya's village?
2. What makes Nya frown as she watches the people celebrate?
3. How old is Salva in the beginning of this chapter?
4. What was Kakuma like?
5. How long did Salva stay at Kakuma?
6. Where does Salva go after he leaves Kakuma?
7. Who teaches Salva how to read and play volleyball?
8. What rumor begins spreading through the camps?
9. What sort of people will be given the opportunity Salva has heard about?
10. Where does the list say Salva is going?

Extension/Discussion Questions:

1. Salva learns to read and write English from an aid worker at the camp. How is the method Michael uses to teach Salva similar to the way you learned to read and write? How is it different?

