

## Chapter 3

### **Comprehension Questions:**

1. Describe the pond where Nya gets water.
2. Does the water Nya gets sound good to drink? Explain.
3. How does Nya carry the water home?
4. Why does Salva think the others left him behind?
5. What does Salva see when he leaves the barn?
6. How does he know the woman is part of his tribe?
7. What does the woman give Salva when he first approaches her?
8. How long does Salva stay with the woman?
9. Why do Salva and the woman have to separate?
10. What does Salva hear as he sits in the barn pondering the woman's words?

### **Extension/Discussion Questions:**

1. Salva is relieved that the woman is a member of the same tribe as he. However, he is still unsure if she will be friendly toward him when he approaches. Why might the woman be unfriendly toward a child from his own tribe?

#### **Organizing the Text: Chronological Order**

*A Long Walk To Water* is written in chronological (time) order.

- What does the author do to help the reader see this?
- Why do you think the author chooses to write the novel in this way?

**Comprehension Questions:**

1. What does Nya's mother do with the water?
2. What does Nya have to eat when she returns home?
3. What does her mother tell Nya to do on her next trip to the pond?
4. What do the strangers say when the old woman asks them to take Salva with them?
5. Why does one man agree to bring Salva with them?
6. What does the old woman give Salva before he leaves with the others?
7. Who else joins the group after about a week of walking?
8. Who is the young man that Salva walks next to on the day the group eats well?
9. Who finds food for the group and what food does this person find?

**Extension/Discussion Questions:**

1. Why does Nya not want to take her little sister to the pond with her? How does this relate to Salva's situation?

**Narrative Writing: Siblings**

Nya has to take her little sister along with her when she returns to the pond, although she doesn't want to. Have you ever had to take a younger sibling or other relative with you when you didn't want to?

Write a story in which you have to take a younger sibling with you somewhere. How might the sibling's presence change your plans? Will you act differently if you have a younger child with you? (If you do not have younger siblings, use your imagination!)