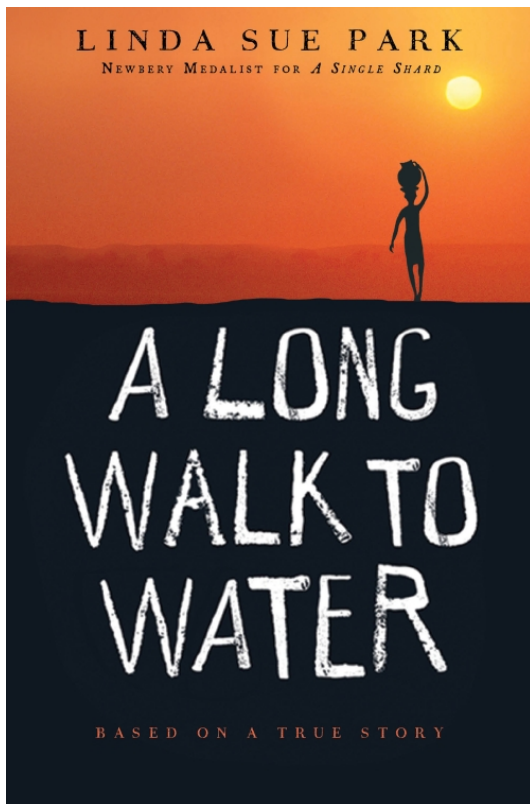


Long Walk to Water, A

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Based on true events, this novel contains two intertwined stories about 11 year olds, a boy and a girl, in Sudan and the hardships they are forced to endure. Each learns to overcome adversity through perseverance and hope.

Collections ARC-BC Novel

Subject Career Education

Grades 6-8

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Resource Evaluation

CURRICULUM FIT

Does the resource support BC curriculum?

Extensively

Does this resource address the prescribed learning outcomes for this BC curriculum?

Extensively

Can the resource be used for cross-curricular studies?

Extensively

This product supports the Core Competencies of the BC curriculum:

- Reading
- Healthy living
- Social Responsibility
- Writing

This is an inspiring novel that is an excellent choice for teaching about the difference one person can make with the power of hard work, dedication, and a positive attitude.

SUGGESTED CLASSROOM USAGE

The novel is appropriate as a read aloud, literature circle selection, and/or class novel study. It would allow for dramatic role-play; it links to Social Studies and Social Responsibility.

SOCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Age:

Young children must work hard to help support their family. The war-torn country creates dire conditions for Salva.

Gender Roles, Identity & Sexual Orientation:

Men are implied to be more important as they have opportunities (school) not provided to females; girls have specific household chores and boys help provide and care for livestock.

Belief System:

Children are treated poorly. Salva is left behind because he is a possible burden to the group.

Socio Economic:

The novel depicts extreme poverty. People struggle to survive with little to nothing to eat or use as shelter.

Violence:

The novel takes place during the Sudanese civil war in 1985 so there are guns, etc.

Safety:

Young children walk through the desert on their own and refugees flee through different countries on foot through day and night.

Do the social considerations support, rather than detract from, student learning?

Moderately

Social Considerations Comments:

The grade 6 Social Studies curriculum is well supported by this novel with reference to child rights. Social responsibility curricula is supported with reference to 'one person can make a difference'. Numerous virtues are addressed, as well, for schools that use the virtue program. There is also a current events and global awareness focus.

GENERAL CONTENT

Content

Is the resource engaging?

Extensively

Is the content current for the intended curriculum and grade?

Extensively

Is the content accurate for the intended curriculum and grade?

Moderately

Is the content timely and important for student broad understandings?

Moderately

Perspectives:

- Multicultural
- International

Audience:

Is the content appropriate to the emotional maturity and cognitive level of students?

Moderately

Is the content of particular interest to male students?

Moderately

Is the content of particular interest to female students?

Moderately

Is the language use appropriate to the emotional maturity and cognitive level of students?

Extensively

This short, engaging novel teaches about overcoming obstacles in order to achieve a goal/dream. It provides insight into life in Sudan and demonstrates that happiness and worth are not measured in material possessions.

NOVEL

Literary merit

Does the text show insight into the complexity of the human condition?

Moderately

Does the text broaden students' experiences and understanding?

Extensively

Does the text provide opportunities for creative and critical thinking?

Extensively

To what degree is this text stylistically rich?

Moderately

Plot description:

This novel contains two intertwined stories about 11 year olds, a boy and a girl, in Sudan. Both stories are based on truth. The girl, Nya, walks for 2 hours twice each day to collect water in 2008. School is not an option for her. The boy, Salva, becomes a 'lost boy' refugee when forced to walk away from his school and his war-torn village in 1985 during the Sudanese Civil War. Each learns to overcome adversity through perseverance and hope.

Related Comments:

The novel contains strong character development and plot sequence. It is a realistic read evoking both sympathy and hopefully, empathy.

Genre:

- Adventure
- Historical
- Autobiography
- Mystery / Suspense

Literary Highlights:

- Complex conflict
- Rich Characterization
- Well-developed themes

Type:

Novel

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Readability:

- At intended grade level(s)

The novel is based on the true story of Salva Dut's life - Water for Sudan, Inc.

Resource URL

<https://focusedresources.ca/en/k-12-evaluated-resource-collection/long-walk-water>