

Quotes to write about from A Long Walk to Water

LAFS.8.RL.1.AP.2a: Determine the theme or central idea of a text.

LAFS.8.RL.1.AP.3a: Analyze how particular lines of dialogue or incidents in a story or drama propel the action, reveal aspects of a character or provoke a decision.

LAFS.8.W.1.1: Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.

LAFS.8.W.1.2: Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis

“If he were older and stronger, would he have given water to those other men? Or would he, like most of the group, have kept his water for himself?” p. 59

Explain what you believe you would do if you were in Salva’s position

“What was it his uncle had said during that first terrible day in the desert? *‘Do you see that group of bushes? You need only to walk as far as those bushes.’*” p.72

Explain the meaning of the words in italics above and give an example of how it might be useful in your own life.

“Later he would learn that at least a thousand people had died trying to cross the river that day, drowned or shot or attacked by crocodiles. How was it he was not one of the thousand? Why was he one of the lucky ones?” p. 79

What emotion is Salva wrestling with here? Do you think he should feel this way? Why or why not?

“More clothes? Salva shook his head. *How can I possibly wear any more clothes?*” p. 92

Contrast Salva’s feelings about clothing with your own

The unpaved roads, the scrubby bushes and trees, the huts roofed with sticks bound together – everything was just as Salva remembered it, as if he had left only yesterday. At the same time, the memories of his life in Sudan were very distant. **How could memories feel so close and so far away at the same time?**

Analyze the bold part of the quote above. Is this possible to feel? Provide an example of your own.



“With the well there no one will have to go to the pond anymore. So all the children will be able to go to school.” p. 103

Why was Nya unable to go to school? How will her life change now?



“In a few more days the school would be finished.... There was even talk of a clinic someday... It was the well that was bringing the village all these good things.” P.113

Write a short paragraph explaining how water and plumbing make your life better – use examples

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every 90 seconds a child dies from a water-related disease

1 M

people killed by water, sanitation and hygiene-related disease each year

844 M

people living without access to safe water

266 M

hours women and girls spend every day finding a place to go

2.3 B

people living without access to improved sanitation