**CCS Summer Reading 2025**

**7th grade English**

Required Reading: **A Long Walk to Water** by Linda Sue Park

**ISBN-13: ‎**978-0547577319

Students need a physical copy of the book.

**About Summer Reading**

Students entering 7th grade are required to read the book selected by the CCS English Department. This text will serve as part of the curriculum for the beginning of the school year.

After reading this book, students must prepare the assignment described below and bring the assignment by August 4, 2025.

**This assignment will count as the very first quiz grade in English class**, and if it is not submitted by the deadline, it will receive a grade of zero (0). **No late assignments will be accepted**.

MLA formatting is required.

Margins: 1-inch margins on all sides.

Font: Typically, Times New Roman, 12-point font.

Line Spacing: Double-spaced throughout the paper.

First Page Format: Student’s name, instructor’s name, course name, and date in the upper left corner

**In addition, students must be prepared to take an in-class assessment on A Long Walk to Water.**

**This will serve as their first official test grade in English class.**

**Assessment Schedule**

**In the first two weeks of school: An in-class test on A Long Walk to Water will be administered.**

**A Note on Academic Integrity at CCS**

A student’s homework and in-class work fulfill the instructor’s intentions in a specific class:

A. Individual assignments must be represented by individual work. There are to be no

“study groups” for this type of assignment.

B. In no case is direct copying allowed.

Academic integrity is **VITAL**.

**Plagiarism of any kind will not be tolerated and will result in a zero on the assignment. Plagiarism is defined as presenting the work or ideas of another as one’s own. This includes:**

A. Direct copying of another person’s (living or dead) work;

B. Using any portion of another person’s material or ideas **without proper documentation**

(i.e. internal citation/parenthetical documentation and Works Cited)

C. Paraphrasing another person’s original material **without proper documentation**

D. The use of AI programs (artificial intelligence) programs to create answers instead of doing the work yourself.

**List of online sources that must not be used for English class:**

ChatGPT(or any other AI apps/programs) Wikipedia.com Yahooanswers.com

Pinkmonkey.com Ehow.com Gradesaver.com Answers.com Shmoop

Sparknotes.om Cliffnotes.com Bookrags.com

**Be prepared to bring your book on the first day of school and to participate in**

**meaningful discussion and assessments.**

**Any questions: kelli.elliott@communitychristianschool.net**

**Summer Reading Guided Questions**

Question Format: In a new Word or Google document, type each question number followed by the full question and your complete answer. Be sure to leave a blank line between each question for clarity and organization. **Use textual evidence to support your answers.** Answers should be written in complete sentences using capitalization and correct punctuation. **The assignment should be submitted through Google Classroom by August 4, 2025.**

Go to Google classroom and choose join a class. Join the class using the following code:

**Class code: wi3ydg5f**

**A Long Walk to Water Guided Reading Questions-follow instructions to complete the assignment. You should be citing evidence from the text to answer the questions.**

**Chapter 1**

1. Before his village was attacked, Salva was daydreaming about his life at home. What are three things we learned about him in this passage?

**Chapter 2**

1. What does Nya’s experience with the thorn tell us about her? What is a personality trait you could use to describe her, based on her reaction?
2. Why does everyone leave Salva behind at the end of the chapter?

**Chapter 3**

1. What was the long history between the Nuer and the Dinka tribes?

**Chapter 4**

1. Describe a typical day in Nya’s life.
2. Describe a typical day in Salva’s new life.

**Chapter 5**

1. If the lake has more water than the pond, why can’t Nya’s family just stay there year-round?

**Chapter 6**

1. Who is Marial? What happens to him in the Atuot region? What clues led you to this inference?

**Chapter 7**

1. Describe the effects of water-borne illness

**Chapter 8**

1. After Akeer was treated at the hospital, the nurse told Nya’s mother how to prevent illness in the future. Why did this worry their mother?
2. As Salva and his group made the final trip from the island to the other side of the Nile, what do the fishermen advise the group to do? Why?

**Chapter 9**

1. Describe the visitors to Nya’s village.

**Chapter 10**

1. Who were the men who approached Salva’s group? How does Salva know who they are?

**Chapter 11**

1. Based on the information so far, make a prediction about what the visitors to Nya’s village might be doing.
2. What are 3 observations Salva makes when he arrives at the Itang refugee camp.
3. When he arrives at Itang, Salva sees, “orange… an orange headscarf,” and starts following it. Why? What is he thinking? What led you to this inference?

**Chapter 12**

1. Why did Salva leave Itang?

**Chapter 13**

1. How does Salva’s role change when he joins up with his next group?

**Chapter 14**

1. What does Salva mean when he thinks, “it was hard to keep hope alive when there was so little to feed it?”

**Chapter 15**

1. Why does Nya still have to walk for water?

**Chapter 16**

1. What are they building now in Nya’s village? Make a prediction

**Chapter 17**

1. Upon returning to Sudan, what does Salva learn about his family?
2. How is Salva’s Uncle still helping him after all these years?

**Chapter 18**

1. Why is Nya surprised that Dinka would be responsible for their well?
2. Look at the title of this book. How does it fit both Salva and Nya’s journeys?

Please complete the acknowledgement form and return the first day of school.

**Acknowledgement Form**

Students should initial beside each statement:

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ I purchased my own copy of the book.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ I read the entire book

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ I answered all the comprehension questions.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ I need to bring a copy of the book to class on the first day of school.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ I know that the summer reading assignment counts as a quiz grade.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ I am aware that there will be a test over the summer reading novel during the first two weeks of school.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ I have read and understand the academic integrity policy.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ The work I am turning is my own and I adhered to the academic integrity policy.

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