Summary: Based on a true story, *A Long Walk to Water* is the compelling and inspiring story of two young Sudanese people caught in the midst of war, drought and famine. Written by Linda Sue Park, this story unfolds through the dual narrative of Nya, a girl living in a small village without water, and Salva, a boy running for his life during the savage Sudanese Civil War.

Themes in ALWTW

A theme conveys ( shows ) an important lesson about life. What important idea about life did the author want us to think about?

What theme will you write about?

Make it into a claim\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Perseverance/Hope/Faith**

What helped Salva persevere?

* Uncle saying “ One step at a time”
* Motivation to keep family honor/legacy
* The possibility of seeing his family once again

**The importance of leadership.**

Where does leadership make a big difference ?

* The uncle tells Salva “bit by bit..one step at a time” . This encouragement is what gets Salva through each rough day walking
* The uncle says he has to leave Salva to be loyal to his country and go back and fight for it. He wants to lead people to help stop the Civil War
* Salva goes on to be a leader in making a difference by starting Water for South Sudan

**The importance of family relationships**

Where do family relationship become really important?

* Marial- becomes “like family”
* Although he believes them to be dead, Sava’s family helps him get through the daily struggles. THe hope that he might see them again helps him carry on.
* An American family adopts him, giving him a sense of belonging
* Devotion of Aya’s family to Akir, when she’s sick
* Uncle becomes like his Dad, helping him feel safe**.**