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A Long Walk to Water: Chapters 4 – 6

1. Using your inference skills, why doesn't Nya argue with her mother when she's asked to take Akeer to the pond in chapter 4? Why might this be inconvenient for Nya?

- a. In Sudanese culture, children are expected to respect and obey their elders. It's inconvenient because Akeer is only five and will likely slow Nya



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- d. Nya doesn't speak the same language as her mother. It is inconvenient because Akeer is older and will probably try to take charge.

2. From chapters 4 to 5, how does the mood change based on Salva's experiences?

- a. The mood shifts from anxious to fearful as Salva worries about his family and then faces rebel soldiers.
- b. The mood shifts from hopeless to hopeful as Salva feels desperate from hunger, but then the group finds honey to eat.
- c. The mood shifts from hopeful to sad as Salva finds food but then learns his father has died.
- d. The mood shifts from anger to hope as Salva is exiled from the group, but then he meets Buksa.

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3. In chapter 5, what is the primary challenge Nya faces when gathering water?
- a. The water is heavy, and she struggles to carry it back.
 - b. The water is dirty, and Nya doesn't like the taste.
 - c. The water is drying up, making it take a long time to collect.
 - d. The water is hot, making it easier for Nya to become dehydrated.
4. Using inference skills, how does meeting Marial make Salva's journey a little more positive?



5. Why does Salva's emotional reaction to finding his uncle in chapter 6 show both hope and disappointment? What does this reveal about his character and situation?
- a. Even though Uncle gives Salva a sense of safety and leadership, Salva is crushed to learn that Uncle has no news of his family, showing Salva's deep desire for his family.
 - b. Although Uncle brings food and water, Salva feels guilty that his uncle has to take care of him, showing his sense of responsibility.
 - c. Seeing Uncle reminds Salva of home, but Uncle tells him they are turning back toward the fighting, showing Salva's growing fear.
 - d. Uncle offers Salva encouragement, but soon after, the group is attacked by soldiers, showing Salva's constant state of danger.

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6. What deeper reason explains why Uncle becomes the leader of the group?
How does this impact Salva's journey?



Salva is in an unforgiving environment where he has little protection.

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In chapter 6, the text says, "The topi escaped, but along the path Salva saw the bones of prey that had not been so fortunate," which emphasizes the real danger the lions pose. These descriptions build tension and hint that a death from a lion attack is likely.

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my family will never find me..." This shows that Salva is anxious and worried about being separated from his family. However, since he is traveling with a group, he has no choice but to keep moving forward for his own safety.