

***A Long Walk to Water by Linda Sue Park***  
**Discussion Questions by Chapter (Chapters 9-13)**

**Directions:** As you read each chapter, answer the questions with text evidence. Include page numbers next to your evidence, so it will be easy for you to refer back to your text later. You do not need to use complete sentences, but your answers must be complete. Highlight or mark three answers from this page of questions that would be the best for you to share in a class discussion (because they have strong text evidence or they contain your unique perspective).

**Chapter 9:**

1. Describe the visitors to Nya's village.
2. How does Uncle get Salva through the desert even when he was injured?
3. If you were part of Salva's group, would you have tried to help the men that looked like moving rocks in the desert? Explain your answer.

**Chapter 10:**

4. What confuses Nya about the visitors?
5. Who were the men who approached Salva's group? How does Salva know who they are?
6. What was the last thing the men did before running away?

**Chapter 11:**

7. Based on the information so far, make a prediction about what the visitors to Nya's village might be doing.
8. **Crisis Question:** What keeps Salva moving forward, even as he grieves Marial's and Uncle's deaths?
9. In this chapter, Salva's companions think he is "weak and useless," but Salva decides he will prove them wrong. Would you have had the same response? Explain your answer.
10. 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:**

11. What is the "red giraffe?" Why might Nya describe it this way?
12. What are the villagers in Nya's village doing, and how do they feel about this work?
13. How does Salva continue to go on, despite the "black despair of nothingness" he is feeling?
14. How long did Salva stay in Itang, and why did he eventually leave?

**Chapter 13:**

15. How did "the boss" handle the drilling crew when the bag kept springing leaks? What character trait(s) does this show?
16. What specific dangers did Salva face while crossing the Gilo River?
17. Look back at the map. What will he face on the next part of his journey?
18. How does Salva's role change when he joins up with his next group?