Grade 7: Unit 2
Overview
In this second unit, students are introduced to the concept of theme in a novel. As they complete *A Long Walk to Water*, students will continue to collect textual evidence to answer the question “How do individuals survive in challenging environments?” In addition, students will be reading informational texts that provide more information about the context of the novel. Close reading of the selected informational text and novel will prepare students for the mid-unit assessment and the two-part end of unit assessment. For the mid-unit assessment, students will analyze how the author of *A Long Walk to Water* both used and elaborated on historical facts. Part 1 of the end of unit assessment (which takes place over two lessons) is the first draft of a literary analysis essay requiring textual support to discuss the topic of survival in Southern Sudan during and after the second civil war in the 1980s. Part 2 of the end of unit assessment is the final draft of the student essay.

### Guiding Questions And Big Ideas

- How do individuals survive in challenging environments?
- How do culture, time, and place influence the development of identity?
- How does reading from different texts about the same topic build our understanding?
- How does juxtaposing multiple characters help authors develop and contrast their points of view?
- Individual survival in challenging environments requires both physical and emotional resources.
- Authors of fiction both draw on and elaborate on historical facts to convey their ideas about what it was like to be alive during that time.

### Mid-Unit 2 Assessment

**Comparing “Water for Sudan” and A Long Walk to Water**

This assessment centers on NYSP12 ELA CCLS RL.7.1, RL.7.9, and RI.7.1. For this assessment, students will analyze how the author of *A Long Walk to Water* uses and elaborates on historical facts to convey her ideas about how people survive in South Sudan.

### End of Unit 2 Assessment

**Literary Analysis—Writing about the Theme of Survival**

This assessment has two parts. Students respond to the following prompt: “What factors made survival possible for Salva in *A Long Walk to Water*? After reading the novel and accounts of the experiences of the people of Southern Sudan during the Second Sudanese Civil War, write an essay that addresses the theme of survival in the novel. Support your discussion with evidence from the text you have read.” Part 1 is students’ best on-demand draft, and centers on NYSP12 ELA CCLS RL.7.1, RL.7.2, W.7.2, W.7.4, W.7.9, and L.7.6. This draft will be assessed before students receive peer or teacher feedback so that their individual understanding of the texts and their writing skills can be observed. Part 2 is students’ final draft, revised after peer and teacher feedback. Part 2 ads standards L.7.1, L.7.2, and W.7.8.
Content Connections

This module is designed to address English Language Arts standards as students read literature and informational text about the Second Sudanese Civil War. However, the module intentionally incorporates Social Studies key ideas and themes to support potential interdisciplinary connections to this compelling content. These intentional connections are described below.

Big Ideas and Guiding Questions are informed by the New York State Common Core K–8 Social Studies Framework:

Unifying Themes (p. 6–7)
Theme 1: Individual Development and Cultural Identity: The role of social, political, and cultural interactions in the development of identity. Personal identity is a function of an individual's culture, time, place, geography, interaction with groups, influences from institutions, and lived experiences.

Theme 4: Geography, Humans, and the Environment: The relationship between human populations and the physical world (people, places, and environments)

Social Studies Practices, Geographic Reasoning, Grades 5–8:
Descriptor 2: Describe the relationships between people and environments and the connections between people and places (p. 58)

Central Texts


This unit is approximately 2 weeks or 10 sessions of instruction.

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| Lesson 1 | Introducing the Concept of Theme: Survival in *A Long Walk to Water* (Chapters 1–5) | • I can effectively engage in discussions with diverse partners about seventh-grade topics, texts, and issues. (SL.7.1)  
• I can analyze the development of a theme throughout a literary text. (RL.7.2) | • I can effectively engage in discussions with different Discussion Appointment partners.  
• I can identify a central theme in *A Long Walk to Water*. | • Observation of student participation  
• Student contributions to Survival anchor chart  
• Exit ticket | • Survival |
| Lesson 2 | Establishing Routines for Discussing *A Long Walk to Water* (Chapter 6) | • I can use a variety of strategies to determine the meaning of unknown words or phrases. (L.7.4)  
• I can analyze the development of a theme throughout a literary text. (RL.7.2) | • I can use context clues (in the sentence or on the page) to determine the meaning of words in *A Long Walk to Water*.  
• I can analyze the development of a theme in a novel by identifying challenges to and factors in survival for Salva and Nya in *A Long Walk to Water*. | • Reader’s Notes from Chapter 6 (from homework) | • Fist to Five protocol  
• Things Close Readers Do  
• Survival  
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|          | Practicing Routines for Discussing *A Long Walk to Water* and Gathering Textual Evidence (Chapters 7 and 8) | • I can use a variety of strategies to determine the meaning of unknown words or phrases. (L.7.4)  
• I can cite several pieces of text-based evidence to support an analysis of a literary text. (RL.7.1)  
• I can analyze the development of a theme throughout a literary text. (RL.7.2) | • I can use context clues (in the sentence or on the page) to determine the meaning of words in *A Long Walk to Water*.  
• I can break a word into parts in order to determine its meaning and figure out what words it is related to.  
• I can analyze the development of a theme in a novel by identifying challenges to and factors in survival for Salva and Nya in *A Long Walk to Water*.  
• I can cite several pieces of text-based evidence to support my claims about the factors that allowed Salva and Nya to survive in *A Long Walk to Water*. | • Reader’s Notes for Chapters 7 and 8 (from homework) | • Survival  
• Salva/Nya |

| Lesson 4 | Using Routines for Discussing *A Long Walk to Water* and Introducing Juxtaposition (Chapters 9 and 10) | • I can use a variety of strategies to determine the meaning of unknown words or phrases. (L.7.4)  
• I can analyze how an author develops and contrasts the points of view of characters and narrators in a literary text. (RL.7.6) | • I can use context clues (in the sentence or on the page) to determine the meaning of words in *A Long Walk to Water*.  
• I can break a word into parts in order to determine its meaning and figure out what words it is related to.  
• I can explain what juxtaposition means and list several ways in which Salva and Nya are juxtaposed in *A Long Walk to Water*.  
• I can explain one way in which juxtaposing these characters helps the author compare and contrast their points of view. | • Reader’s Notes from Chapters 9 and 10 (from homework)  
• Gathering Textual Evidence graphic organizer for Chapters 6-8 (from homework)  
• Exit ticket | • Take a Stand protocol  
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| Lesson 5 | Practice Evidence-Based Constructed Response: Explaining One Factor That Helps Nya or Salva Survive (Chapters 11–13) | • I can use a variety of strategies to determine the meaning of unknown words or phrases. (L.7.4)  
• I can cite several pieces of text-based evidence to support an analysis of literary text. (RL.7.1)  
• I can analyze the development of a theme throughout a literary text. (RL.7.2)  
• I can select evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection and research. (W.7.9) | • I can define words from *A Long Walk to Water* in my Reader’s Dictionary.  
• I can continue to select evidence to explain what happens to Salva and Nya in *A Long Walk to Water*.  
• I can select a quote from *A Long Walk to Water* and explain how it illustrates a factor in how Nya and/or Salva survive. |  
|  |  |  |  | • Reader’s Notes from Chapters 11-13 (from homework)  
• Gathering Textual Evidence graphic organizer for Chapters 9 and 10 (from homework)  
• Student contributions to Salva/Nya anchor chart and Survival anchor chart  
• Evidence-based constructed response |  
| Lesson 6 | Comparing Historical and Fictional Accounts: Second Sudanese Civil War (Chapters 14 and 15, Plus Rereading “Time Trip”) | • I can use a variety of strategies to determine the meaning of unknown words or phrases. (L.7.4)  
• I can analyze the development of a theme throughout a literary text. (RL.7.2)  
• I can compare and contrast a fictional and historical account of a time, place, or character. (RL.7.9)  
• I can cite several pieces of evidence to support an analysis of informational text. (RI.7.1) | • I can use context clues to determine word meanings.  
• I can compare the accounts of survival in “Time Trip: Sudan’s Civil War” and *A Long Walk to Water*.  
• I can cite several pieces of text-based evidence to support my comparison of “Time Trip: Sudan’s Civil War” and the novel *A Long Walk to Water*. |  
|  |  |  |  | • Reader’s Notes from Chapters 14-15 (from homework)  
• Gathering Textual Evidence graphic organizer for Chapters 11-13 (from homework)  
• Exit Ticket |  

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<td>• I can cite several pieces of text-based evidence from “Time Trip: Sudan’s Civil War” to support my analysis of the experience of people in South Sudan.  • I can compare and contrast the accounts of survival in “Time Trip: Sudan’s Civil War” and <em>A Long Walk to Water</em>.  • I can analyze how Linda Sue Park used or altered history in <em>A Long Walk to Water</em>.</td>
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<td>• I can effectively engage in discussions with my classmates about our reading.  • I can explain how comparing and contrasting Salva’s and Nya’s points of view in the second part of the novel helps Park convey ideas about how people in Sudan survive.  • I can explain the physical and emotional factors that helped Nya and Salva to survive in <em>A Long Walk to Water</em>.</td>
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#### Calendared Curriculum Map:
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• I can cite several pieces of text-based evidence to support an analysis of informational text. (RL.7.1)  
• I can analyze how authors of fiction use or alter history based on my comparison of a fictional and historical account of the same time, place, or character. (RL.7.9)  
• | • I can explain how Water for South Sudan involves Sudanese villagers in the process of drilling wells, and the effects that drilling a well can have on a village.  
• I can explain how the author of *A Long Walk to Water* both used and altered history (based on my comparison of the novel and Water for South Sudan’s website).  
• | • Water for South Sudan Homework Assignment (text-dependent questions)  
• Mid-Unit 2 Assessment: Comparing “Water for Sudan” and *A Long Walk to Water*  
• | • Discussion Appointment protocol |
| Lesson 10 | Introducing Essay Prompt: Factors for Survival in *A Long Walk to Water* | • I can cite several pieces of text-based evidence to support an analysis of literary text. (RL.7.1)  
• I can analyze the development of a theme or central idea throughout a literary text. (RL.7.2)  
• | • I can select pieces of textual evidence that show the factors that help Salva survive.  
• | • Exit Ticket |
| Lesson 11 | Analyzing a Model Essay: “Challenges Facing a Lost Boy of Sudan” | • I can write informative/explanatory texts that convey ideas and concepts using relevant information that is carefully selected and organized. (W.7.2)  
• I can quote or paraphrase others’ work while avoiding plagiarism. (W.7.8)  
• I can use correct capitalization, punctuation, and spelling to send a clear message to my reader. (L.7.2)  
• | • I can analyze a model literary analysis essay to determine its strengths.  
• I can use quotes effectively in my writing.  
• I can punctuate quotes correctly in my writing.  
• | • Student contributions to What Makes a Literary Analysis Essay Effective? anchor chart  
• Student responses to observations of how quotes are used in text  
• | • What Makes a Literary Analysis Essay Effective?  
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| Lesson 12 | Scaffolding for Essay: Examining a Model and Introducing the NYS Grade 6–8 Expository Writing Evaluation Rubric | • I can write informative/explanatory texts that convey ideas and concepts using relevant information that is carefully selected and organized. (W.7.2)  
• I can quote or paraphrase others’ work while avoiding plagiarism. I can use a standard format for citation. (W.7.8)  
• I can accurately use seventh-grade academic vocabulary to express my ideas. (L.7.6) | • I can use correct punctuation of quotes.  
• I can analyze a model essay on *A Long Walk to Water* using a rubric.  
• I can discuss new vocabulary from the NYS Grade 6–8 Expository Writing Evaluation rubric. | • Student homework on using quotes  
• Exit ticket | • What Makes a Literary Analysis Essay Effective? |
| Lesson 13 | Scaffolding to Essay: Using Details to Support a Claim | • I can cite several pieces of text-based evidence to support an analysis of literary text. (RL.7.1)  
• I can analyze the development of a theme or central idea throughout a literary text. (RL.7.2)  
• I can accurately use seventh-grade academic vocabulary to express my ideas. (L.7.6) | • I can make connections between details in *A Long Walk to Water*.  
• I can describe how these details support the theme of survival in *A Long Walk to Water*.  
• I can discuss new vocabulary from the NYS Grade 6–8 Expository Writing Evaluation rubric. | • Students’ work on Forming Evidence-Based Claims graphic organizer  
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| Lesson 14 | Scaffolding for Essay: Planning Body Paragraphs for Survival Factors in *A Long Walk to Water* | - I can cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text. (RL.7.1)  
- I can analyze the development of a theme or central idea throughout a literary text. (RL.7.2)  
- I can write informative/explanatory texts that convey ideas and concepts using relevant information that is carefully selected and organized. (W.7.2)  
- I can accurately use seventh-grade academic vocabulary to express my ideas. (L.7.6) | - I can select details that will support my claim about the theme of *A Long Walk to Water*.  
- I can look at a model essay to see how it supports a claim with details.  
- I can discuss new vocabulary from the NYS Grade 6–8 Expository Writing Evaluation rubric. | - Entry Task  
- Student work on Planning Your Essay graphic organizer  
- Teacher observation and notes as students work on Planning Your Essay graphic organizer  
- Student contributions to What Makes a Literary Analysis Essay Effective? anchor chart | - What Makes a Literary Analysis Essay Effective? |
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| Lesson 15 | End of Unit 2 Assessment, Part 1a: Writing Body Paragraphs | • I can cite several pieces of text-based evidence to support an analysis of literary text. (RL.7.1)  
• I can analyze the development of a theme or central idea throughout a literary text. (RL.7.2)  
• I can write informative/explanatory texts that convey ideas and concepts using relevant information that is carefully selected and organized. (W.7.2)  
• I can produce clear and coherent writing that is appropriate to task, purpose and audience. (W.7.4)  
• I can select evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research. (W.7.9)  
• I can accurately use seventh-grade academic vocabulary to express my ideas. (L.7.6) | • I can organize my details from *A Long Walk to Water* so they support my claim/thesis.  
• I can ensure my quotes are accurate and punctuated correctly. | • Entry task  
• Student work on Planning Your Essay organizer  
• Exit ticket  
• Draft body paragraphs | • End of Unit 2 Assessment, Part 1a: Writing Body Paragraphs |
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<td>• I can plan and write a two-voice poem that compares and contrasts how Salva and Nya survived in the challenging environment of South Sudan.</td>
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<td>• I can write narrative texts about real or imagined experiences using relevant details and event sequences that make sense. (W.7.3)</td>
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<td>• I can plan and write a two-voice poem that compares and contrasts how Salva and Nya survived in the challenging environment of South Sudan.</td>
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| Lesson 19 | End of Unit 2 Assessment, Part 2: Revise Essay Drafts | - I can write informative/explanatory texts that convey ideas and concepts using relevant information that is carefully selected and organized. (W.7.2)  
- With support from peers and adults, I can use a writing process to ensure that purpose and audience have been addressed. (W.7.5)  
- I can quote or paraphrase others’ work while avoiding plagiarism. (W.7.8)  
- I can use a standard format for citation. (W.7.8)  
- I can select evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research. (W.7.9)  
- I can use correct grammar and usage when writing or speaking. (L.7.1)  
- I can use correct capitalization, punctuation, and spelling to send a clear message to my reader. (L.7.2)  
- I can accurately use seventh-grade academic vocabulary to express my ideas. (L.7.6) | - I can write a clear and organized analysis essay that makes a valid claim about the theme of *A Long Walk to Water*.  
- I can support my claim with details and quotes from *A Long Walk to Water*.  
- I can use quotes correctly in my essay.  
- I can use correct grammar and punctuation in my essay.  
- I can use feedback from others to revise and improve my essay.  
- I can use new vocabulary appropriately in my essay. | - Students’ final essays  
- Essay drafts and planner sheets | - What Makes a Literary Analysis Essay Effective? |
### Optional: Experts, Fieldwork, And Service

**Experts:**
- Invite recent refugees to the United States who could speak about the experience of coming to a new country. This is an opportunity for students to better understand Salva’s experiences in coming to Rochester, NY.
- Invite a guest speaker from an organization that works with African countries, particularly with water issues.
- Invite a guest speaker from a well-digging company who could speak to the process of digging a new well.

**Fieldwork:**
- Arrange for a visit to a local center for helping refugees acclimate to the United States.
- If there is a local museum that has exhibits on sub-Saharan Africa, that could offer expanded opportunities for learning about Salva’s part of the continent.

**Service:**
- Salva Dut’s organization, Water for South Sudan, is based in Rochester, NY. The website for the organization is www.waterforsouthsudan.org, and the website itself is very student-friendly. Students could find ways to contribute to the work of this organization.

### Optional: Extensions

- A study of water issues in the local community or state of New York. There are numerous issues with water related to the growing industry of natural gas extraction by “fracking.”
- An update study of what is going on in Southern Sudan in 2013.
## Preparation and Materials

This unit includes a number of routines that involve stand-alone documents.

In Lessons 1–9, students frequently read a section of the novel *A Long Walk to Water* for homework. Once the routine is fully implemented (starting in Lesson 3), students will be doing two tasks each night:

### 1. Reading Calendar

- Students read *A Long Walk to Water* for homework for Lessons 1–9.
- Each night, they read some chapters and reread others.
- Consider providing a reading calendar to help students, teachers, and families understand what is due and when.
- See stand-alone document.

### 2. Reader’s Notes

Students will do a “first read” of several chapters of *A Long Walk to Water* each night. The Reader’s Notes record their thinking as they do this initial read. Reader’s Notes are organized by chapter and have two parts. Part 1 is gist notes about each chapter, building on the homework routine from Unit 1. Part 2 of the Reader’s Notes for each assignment is a Reader’s Dictionary, a tool that will support students in learning new words in the novel and in developing their ability to determine the meaning of unfamiliar words as they read any text. See Lesson 2 for a fuller explanation of the Reader’s Notes.

The Reader’s Notes document is formatted so that both parts (gist notes and Reader’s Dictionary) for a particular assignment are on the same sheet.

Create two packets: Reader’s Notes, Chapters 6–10 and Reader’s Notes, Chapters 11–18.

- Check work daily (in class).
- In Lesson 4, collect Reader’s Notes, Chapters 6–10.
- Return Reader’s Notes in Lesson 5 with feedback.
### 3. Gathering Textual Evidence Graphic Organizer

Starting in Lesson 3, students also use the Gathering Textual Evidence graphic organizer each night as they reread chapters and identify quotations about survival. See Lesson 3 for a fuller explanation.

The Gathering Textual Evidence graphic organizer is organized so that the assignment for a particular night always fits on one page. Create one packet, making sure that the section related to Chapters 6–8 can be torn off the front without taking other chapters with it.

- In Lesson 4, collect the first sheet (includes Chapters 6–8).
- Return the graphic organizers for Chapters 6–8 in Lesson 5 with feedback.
- After that, check this work daily in class. In Lesson 8, collect both documents and review them for completeness and to note students who may need additional support in the next part of the unit.
- Return both documents in Lesson 9 so students can use them in their writing.

You will find these documents in two places.

1. As stand-alone documents.
2. At the end of each lesson (just the appropriate section that is for that night’s homework), in case you prefer not to create packets.

Review both documents before you launch the unit and decide which method of organizing these assignments and checking homework will work best for you and your students. The recommended approach, described below, reduces the amount of paper that students are handling and gives students feedback on homework partway through the routine.

You may need to modify this plan to meet the needs of your students. Your routine should allow you to look closely at student work several days into the homework routine to make sure they are on track. Time is provided in Lesson 5 to return the Reader’s Notes for Chapters 6–10 and the Gathering Textual Evidence graphic organizer for Chapters 6–8 and give feedback. Your routine also needs to allow students to use these notes in class daily and to keep track of them, as they will draw heavily on them as they write their essays (End of Unit 2 Assessment) and two-voice poems (module performance task).

See also teacher’s editions of these documents.

The teacher’s edition of the Reader’s Dictionary includes definitions for all identified vocabulary words in *A Long Walk to Water*.

The teacher’s edition of the Gathering Textual Evidence graphic organizer includes possible answers for the explanation and analysis of quotes that students practice in Lesson 3, as a model.
4. Writer’s Glossary

This glossary includes academic words related to the writing process and products. These words come from the New York State Grade 6–8 Expository Writing Evaluation rubric. Student writing will be evaluated with this rubric through seventh and eighth grades. In Module 1 of seventh grade, students are introduced to the rubric and its vocabulary. The purpose of the Writer’s Glossary is to have a place for students to reference these words as they go through the rest of the year. Since there is not enough information in the context of the rubric for students to come to a definition for themselves, the glossary has all the words defined. It does, however, have space for students to add any other words that they do not know. Even though the definitions are in the glossary, you will need to go over them and give students examples so that they understand how these words are used in the rubric to refer to writing. As students progress through the rest of the year, there may be other academic words that relate directly to their writing or writing products. Feel free to create more pages for this glossary as more vocabulary about writing is encountered throughout the year.

There are four pages in the Writer’s Glossary: one page for each row of the NYS rubric. Students use this glossary in Lessons 12–15. The full glossary is provided here for teachers who may wish to make a packet. The words related to a specific lesson are also provided in the supporting materials of each lesson (12–15), along with instructions for using the glossary page for that lesson.

5. Independent Reading and Reading Response Letter

Some students, especially stronger readers, will finish *A Long Walk to Water* early in the unit. They should be encouraged to complete independent reading related to the topic of the unit. See the Unit 2 Recommended Texts, which includes texts at many levels. The daily lessons do not include time to check on students’ independent reading. But consider how you might support students with this volume of reading. Included is a template for a Reader’s Response letter, a format students can use to share their thinking about their reading with you or with other students. Some teachers create a binder of these letters, and then future students can use them as they select books to read.
The calendar below shows what is due on each day. Teachers can modify this document to include dates instead of lessons.

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<td>When what people are looking forward to does not happen; being disappointed</td>
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<td>Very serious and not happy&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;Ex: <em>Their faces suddenly grew solemn when they thought about the flood.</em></td>
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<td>A type of African antelope</td>
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<td>Smell, scent</td>
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<td>cold fist gripped his heart</td>
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<td>A feeling of tightness inside because of fear&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;Ex: <em>The boy felt fear and anxiety inside as if someone had gripped his heart with a cold fist.</em></td>
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<td>A plant like grass that grows in water</td>
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<td>Open boats that do not have deep bodies, made for rivers and lakes</td>
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<td>To make something smaller or less in size</td>
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<td>A tiny bit of promise or good news</td>
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# Reader’s Dictionary

## Teacher’s Edition, Chapters 11-13

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<td>Far from towns or other places where people live</td>
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<td>A place, often in a hospital, where medical treatment is given to people who do not need to stay in the hospital</td>
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<td>Water, food, etc. that has had a harmful substance added to it</td>
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Other new words you encountered:
The two central characters in *A Long Walk to Water* are named Nya and Salva. The author of the novel, Linda Sue Park, includes a short section in each chapter that is written from Nya’s perspective, and the remainder of the chapter is written from Salva’s perspective. What factors allow the two characters to survive in challenging environments?

3. 1. What will you be gathering evidence about? Underline the focusing question above.
2. What information will you need to be able to answer the focusing question and to explain your answer? Turn to a partner. Look carefully at the graphic organizer as you discuss the answers to the questions below.
   - Color in the circle next to each question after you have talked about it.
   - What information will you put in the first two columns? Where will you get this information?
   - What information will go in the remaining columns? Where will this information come from?
   - Why are you gathering all this information? What are you trying to figure out?

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Salva had been travelling alone. One day, he met his uncle, who had been traveling the same group he was in. Once he met his uncle, he had someone to take care of him and he was much less scared. | Significance  
This quote shows that family helps people survive in challenging environments. Salva’s uncle helps him in many ways – he helps him find food, he calms his fears, and he encourages him to keep going even when the journey is very difficult. |  |
| Quote (About Nya or Salva?) “So Nya and her mother had taken Akeer to the special place – a big white tent full of people who were sick or hurt, with doctors and nurses to help them.” | 45, ch. 8 | Explanation  
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<td>extent</td>
<td>1, 2, 3, 4</td>
<td>used to say how true, large, important or serious something is Ex: The extent of his injuries was not clear immediately.</td>
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<td>conveys</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>to communicate or express something Ex: The TV ad conveys the message that thin is beautiful.</td>
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<td>compelling</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>very interesting or exciting, so that you have to pay attention Ex: The movie's story was very compelling.</td>
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<td>task</td>
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<td>a piece of work that must be done Ex: I was given the task of building a fire.</td>
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<td>showing that you understand what a text, situation or person is really like Ex: Steve's comments about the story were very insightful.</td>
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<td>logically (opposite: illogically)</td>
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<td>control&lt;br&gt;Ex.: John had command of his emotions and never had an angry outburst.</td>
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<td>directly relating to the subject or problem being discussed or considered&lt;br&gt;Ex: Every detail in Sally's paper was relevant to the claim she made.&lt;br&gt;Opposite: not related to the subject being discussed</td>
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<td>definite and specific examples&lt;br&gt;Ex: Using quotes in an essay is giving concrete examples to support your claim.</td>
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<td>sustain</td>
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<td>to make something continue to exist or happen for a period of time, maintain something&lt;br&gt;Ex: A writer must sustain the main idea through an essay.</td>
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<td>varied (noun: variety)</td>
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<td>consisting of or including many different kinds of things or people, especially in a way that seems interesting&lt;br&gt;Ex: Use varied details in your essay to support your claim.</td>
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<td>partially</td>
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<td>not completely&lt;br&gt;Ex: If you only give one detail you are only partially supporting your ideas.</td>
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<td>textual evidence</td>
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<td>proof that comes from a written piece&lt;br&gt;Ex: Quotes from the novel count as textual evidence for your claim.</td>
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<td>consistently (opposite: inconsistently)</td>
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<td>the quality of always being the same, doing things in the same way throughout a piece of work&lt;br&gt;Ex: Jeff consistently used good vocabulary when he wrote.&lt;br&gt;Opposite: changing ideas, claims or style in the middle of an essay.</td>
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<td>minimal</td>
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<td>complex ideas</td>
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<td>concepts</td>
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<td>transitions</td>
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<td>unified</td>
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| standard English grammar     | 4          | rules for how the English language will be spoken and written               |
|                              |            | Ex: In English, the subject of a sentence usually comes before the verb.    |
| emerging                    | 4          | in an early state of development                                          |
|                              |            | Ex: A student who is an emerging writer is just beginning to learn how to write well. |
| frequent                    | 4          | happening or doing something often                                         |
|                              |            | Ex: Frequent spelling mistakes make a writer’s work hard to read and understand. |
| hinder                      | 4          | to make it difficult for something to develop or succeed                   |
|                              |            | Ex: Sentence fragments or run on sentences hinder a reader’s understanding of a piece of writing. |
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Date: 
Title of book: 
Author of book: 

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Dear seventh grader,

For my independent reading book, I read ___________________ (title) by __________________. In this book, (summarize here – including setting, plot, and character – but don’t give away the end of the book):

This book connected to A Long Walk to Water and our study of survival and the second Sudanese Civil War because . . .

I would/would not recommend this book because . . .

Sincerely,

(Name)
Grade 7: Module 1: Unit 2: Lesson 1
Introducing the Concept of Theme:
Survival in A Long Walk to Water (Chapters 1–5)
### Long-Term Targets Addressed (Based on NYSP12 ELA CCLS)

I can effectively engage in discussions with diverse partners about seventh-grade topics, texts, and issues. (SL.7.1)

I can analyze the development of a theme throughout a literary text. (RL.7.2)

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**Introducing the Concept of Theme: Survival in *A Long Walk to Water* (Chapters 1–5)**

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<td>• Students will return to the concept of theme almost daily; do not worry if they are just beginning to grasp this abstract concept during this lesson.</td>
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<td>B. Identifying One Central Theme in <em>A Long Walk to Water</em>: Beginning the Survival Anchor Chart (10 minutes)</td>
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<td>A. Exit Ticket: Revisiting Learning Targets (5 minutes)</td>
<td>• When you ask students to meet a Discussion Appointment in Salva’s Africa, use the African names for their appointments. Students’ Discussion Appointments sheets include a map of southern Sudan and surrounding countries. Reference to these locations is another way to help students envision where things are happening for Salva and Nya in the novel.</td>
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<td>Throughout Unit 2, students continue to read <em>A Long Walk to Water</em>. As they do their “first read” for homework, they keep track of plot and vocabulary in their Reader's Notes. The Reader’s Notes have two parts: Part 1 is gist notes for each chapter (building off students’ routine from Unit 1); Part 2 is a Reader’s Dictionary. See the Unit 2 Overview, Preparation and Materials, for more explanation of how you might organize the Reader’s Notes materials; see Lesson 2 for more detailed information about how students use the Reader’s Notes.</td>
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<td>In this lesson, students only use the Reader’s Notes in the homework, and the task they are doing for homework is one that is familiar to them from Unit 1.</td>
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<td>In advance: Copy the Discussion Appointments in Salva’s Africa, preferably on colored paper so that students can easily locate this document in their folders or binders.</td>
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<td>Prepare the new Survival anchor chart (see supporting materials for a model).</td>
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<td>Decide how you will organize the Reader’s Notes assignment, which students complete for the first time for homework in this lesson, but which continues through Lesson 9. Review unit overview, Preparation and Materials, and look ahead to Lesson 2 to see the specific ways that the Reader’s Notes will be used.</td>
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<td>If you decide to make a packet for the Reader’s Notes for Chapters 6–10 (recommended and included as a stand-alone document with the unit overview), prepare that packet for this lesson. If you are not using a packet, the Reader’s Notes for Chapter 6 can be found as a stand-alone sheet at the end of this lesson.</td>
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<td>See Work Time, Part A. Consider preparing some examples of theme from texts or movies your students may be familiar with.</td>
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<td>• Themes in Literature (one per student)</td>
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## Opening

### A. Entry Task: Introducing Learning Targets (5 minutes)

- As students enter the classroom, ask them to copy down the two learning targets that are on the board or displayed on a document camera. They should write these learning targets at the top of a sheet of paper that they will use during this class.

- Once they have the learning targets copied, ask them to circle the key words in the targets and underline any words they are unsure of. Tell them it is OK if a word has both a circle and an underline.

- Read the learning targets aloud to the students.

- Cold call a few students to get their key words and circle them on the board. Confirm their choices of key words as being important or question why they think a word might be significant. Then ask students to give any vocabulary they do not know. Underline those words.

- Students are likely to say they are unsure about Discussion Appointments. Say: “This is going to be a way that you meet with partners during this unit, and we will be setting those up in a few minutes.”

- Students may also single out *theme* as a word to clarify. You can ask if anyone knows what a theme is, and if you get a definition, you can acknowledge it. Then say: “We will be looking at themes today during Work Time, and that will help everyone become clear on the word.” Do not linger on a definition at this point.

### Meeting Students’ Needs

- Learning targets are a research-based strategy that helps all students, but helps challenged learners the most.

- Discussing and clarifying the language of learning targets helps build academic vocabulary.
### Opening (continued)

**B. Introducing Discussion Appointments (5 minutes)**

- Tell students you are going to explain the new protocol for meeting with peers during Unit 2. Distribute the **Discussion Appointments in Salva’s Africa** handout. Tell students that this will be a way for them to have partner discussions with more than the two partners they had during Unit 1. Being able to talk to a lot of classmates will give them more ideas for discussing and writing about *A Long Walk to Water*. Reinforce that discussion is one strong way to deepen their understanding of a text.

- Give the following directions for making Discussion Appointments:
  - You will sign up for five appointments with five different partners.
  - For each location on the map, you may have only one appointment.
  - If someone asks you for an appointment and that location is available, you need to accept the appointment.
  - In the blank next to each location, write the name of your appointment partner.
  - Once you have made all five appointments, return to your seat.

- Give students 3 minutes to make their Discussion Appointments. Consider setting a timer to help them stay focused and do this task quickly. Circulate to support or clarify as needed. About halfway through this sign-up process, check with the students to see who needs appointments in various locations. You can do this by asking, for example: “Raise your hand if you need an appointment in Kenya.” As students raise their hands, match them up.

- Once they have their sheets filled out, ask students to return to their seats. Tell them that they will work with these Discussion Appointment partners regularly.

- Remind them that if their partner is absent on a given day or they do not have a partner for a particular location, they should report to you at the front of the room and you will tell them with whom to meet.

### Meeting Students’ Needs

- Use of protocols (like Discussion Appointments) allows for total participation of students. It encourages critical thinking, collaboration, and social construction of knowledge. It also helps students to practice their speaking and listening skills.

### Work Time

**A. Defining the Concept of Theme and Discussing Possible Themes in A Long Walk to Water (20 minutes)**

- Define theme in this unit as a statement that the author is making in the novel about how the world works in some way. Distribute the **Themes in Literature** handout.

- Ask a student to read the “What is theme?” section on the handout. Have students turn to a partner and discuss:

### Meeting Students’ Needs

- Consider giving students an example of themes from other novels, movies, plays, or stories you know they are familiar with. This
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B. Identifying One Central Theme in A Long Walk to Water: Beginning the Survival Anchor Chart (10 minutes)

- Tell students that since there are so many possible themes for this book, the class is going to focus on just one: Individuals are able to survive in challenging environments in remarkable ways. Remind them of their Reader’s Notes on the novel so far and the fact that they already have a lot of knowledge about how Nya and Salva face challenges to survive.
- Start the Survival anchor chart (see supporting materials for a model). Ask students to Think-Pair-Share:
  * “Talk with your partner to answer this question: What are some challenges that these two characters have faced so far in the novel?”
- Ask students to write their ideas on the same sheet of paper they wrote the learning targets on.
- Listen for students to share possible examples (e.g., Salva had to run from the attack in his village; Nya has to walk many miles to get water).
- Before the whole group share, distribute Survival anchor chart (Students’ Notes). Explain to students that since they will often need to refer to this anchor chart while doing homework, they will keep their own version of the anchor chart. Whenever the class adds to the anchor chart, they should update their Survival anchor chart (student’s notes).
- During the whole group share, list on the anchor chart the challenges that the students offer and prompt the students to add these ideas to the Survival anchor chart (student’s notes). Tell students that they will be adding to this chart as they continue to read the novel, and ask them to keep their Survival anchor chart (student’s notes) in a place where they will be able to use it in class and for homework.
- Ask students to thank their partners and return to their seats.

Meeting Students’ Needs

- Anchor charts provide a visual cue to students about what to do when you ask them to work independently. They also serve as note-catchers when the class is co-construction ideas.
## Closing and Assessment

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## Homework

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<td><strong>A.</strong> Read Chapter 6 in <em>A Long Walk to Water</em>. Fill in Gist on Reader’s Notes in Reading Packet 1. These notes are like the ones you kept for Chapters 1-5. You will be using this packet to keep your notes for Chapters 6-10. You will get more instructions about how we will use a Reader’s Notes packet tomorrow, but for tonight’s homework, after you read Chapter 6, just fill in your gist notes.</td>
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Make one appointment at each location:

![Map of Africa showing locations](map_image)

Note: This map shows Sudan, South Sudan, and the surrounding countries today. When Salva was a boy, South Sudan was part of Sudan. In 2011, South Sudan became an independent country.

In Juba, South Sudan:

In Kenya:

In Ethiopia:

In Khartoum, Sudan:

By the White Nile:
What is theme?

The **theme** of a book is the message or the lesson that the author is trying to convey. It is different from the plot, which is the events that happen in the book.

A theme has the following characteristics:

- It is a message or lesson about life that is broadly applicable—it is true for situations beyond the story.
- It is a statement, not just a topic. That is, *friendship* is not a theme. However, *friendship can bring comfort in times of hardship* could be a theme.
- Different books or movies can have similar themes. For example, *Little Red Riding Hood* and *Hansel and Gretel* both convey the message that you should be careful about who you trust, because people may not share their true intentions. The plots of these fairy tales are quite different, but their themes are similar.

**Directions**

Read through the list of common themes in literature with your partner. Decide which three might be themes in *A Long Walk to Water*. Be prepared to explain why you selected each one.

1. Nature can present many challenges to humans.
2. We cannot escape our fates.
3. Family is our most important support.
4. Love is what makes life worth living.
5. Dangerous situations can make people become leaders.
6. To be truly happy, you must do what you know is right, even if it is unpopular.
7. People often do not appreciate what they have until it is gone.
8. Water is our most important resource.
10. Individuals are able to survive in challenging environments in remarkable ways.
11. All people have the same basic needs.
12. Sometimes we have to abandon things that are important to us in order to survive.

**Sources:**

Rachel Mork, “12 Most Common Themes in Literature” www.life123.com;
“Literature,” www.learner.org;
Challenges and Survival Factors in A Long Walk to Water
List the challenges that Nya and Sylva face and the factors that help them to survive.

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<td>No clean water near where Nya’s family lives</td>
<td>Nya walks to get water every day</td>
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<td>Salva is alone - no family/adult to take care of him</td>
<td>Other people help Salva</td>
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<td>Salva and people travelling with him don’t have enough food</td>
<td>Salva and his group find food (honey)</td>
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<td>Salva makes a friend (Marial)</td>
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Use this chart to take notes on the Survival anchor chart your class makes. Anything that is written on the class anchor chart should also be recorded on this sheet. You will need to have this sheet with you in class and when you complete homework.

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Exit Ticket

Directions: Look at today’s learning targets and circle the one that you think you have made progress meeting. Explain how you know you have made progress on that learning target.

TODAY’S LEARNING TARGETS:

1. I can effectively engage in discussions with different Discussion Appointment partners.

2. I can identify “theme” as it applies to A Long Walk to Water.
Grade 7: Module 1: Unit 2: Lesson 2
Establishing Routines for Discussing A Long Walk to Water (Chapter 6)
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Long-Term Targets Addressed (Based on NYSP12 ELA CCLS)

I can use a variety of strategies to determine the meaning of unknown words or phrases. (L.7.4)
I can analyze the development of a theme throughout a literary text. (RL.7.2)

Supporting Learning Targets

- I can use context clues (in the sentence or on the page) to determine the meaning of words in *A Long Walk to Water*.
- I can analyze the development of a theme in a novel by identifying challenges to and factors in survival for Salva and Nya in *A Long Walk to Water*.

Ongoing Assessment

- Reader’s Notes from Chapter 6 (from homework)

Agenda

1. **Opening**
   A. Vocabulary Entry Task (5 minutes)
   B. Introducing Learning Targets and Reading Closely for Details (10 minutes)
2. **Work Time**
   A. Introducing Reader’s Dictionary (10 minutes)
   B. Reviewing Reader’s Notes, Starting Salva/Nya Anchor Chart, and Adding to Survival Anchor Chart (15 minutes)
3. **Closing and Assessment**
   A. Previewing Homework and Revisiting Learning Targets (5 minutes)
4. **Homework**
   A. Read Chapters 7 and 8 in *A Long Walk to Water*. Complete Reader’s Notes, Parts 1 (Gist Notes) and 2

Teaching Notes

- Lessons 2 and 3 establish the classwork and homework routines that will guide students’ reading, note-taking, and discussion of *A Long Walk to Water* throughout Unit 2. Later in the unit, students will move more quickly with each routine, but initially the routines are slowed down to give teachers and students time to master them.
- The Vocabulary Entry Task will be a feature of almost every lesson through Lesson 9. The entry task can be posted on a document camera or overhead for students to complete in a spiral notebook, or it can be distributed to students on small sheets of paper. Decide and set the routine that will work best for your students, beginning with this lesson.
- This lesson also introduces the Odell Education resource called Reading Closely: Guiding Questions Handout (provided here in supporting materials and also available as a stand-alone document on EngageNY.org and odelleducation.com/resources). Students will refer to this document regularly as a way of understanding and connecting their learning targets. Preview this document in advance, thinking in particular about how it relates to the “Things Close Readers Do” anchor chart that students created during Unit 1.
- As they read the novel for homework, students will take Reader’s Notes for each reading assignment. Part 1 of the Reader’s Notes is gist notes about each chapter. This builds on their work with gist notes in Unit 1. Part 2 of the Reader’s Notes for each assignment is a Reader’s Dictionary, a tool that will support
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<td>• A Reader’s Notes Teacher’s Edition is provided in the unit overview. It provides definitions for the vocabulary that students encounter as they read chapters 6-18 of <em>A Long Walk to Water</em>. It is explicitly mentioned in this lesson. Consider using it in a similar fashion in the following lessons.</td>
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<td>• In addition to practicing homework routines, students will use their Reader’s Notes to add to the two anchor charts, which will record their thoughts about the novel and prepare them for the End of Unit 2 and End of Unit 3 assessments. The Salva/Nya anchor chart, begun in this lesson, captures the main events that happen to each character, sorted by chapter. The Survival anchor chart (begun in Lesson 1) focuses on challenges the characters face and factors in their survival.</td>
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<td>• Both anchor charts are used daily; both will contain quite a lot of text. Consider keeping these charts electronically; if not, be aware that each chart will require several pieces of flip chart paper. Create the Salva/Nya anchor chart in advance of this lesson (see supporting materials).</td>
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| • As students do a “first read” of chapters of the novel each night for homework, they will complete their
Reader’s Notes. They will use this work in class each day as they discuss the novel.

- Starting in Lesson 3, students also will use the Gathering Textual Evidence graphic organizer each night as they reread chapters to identify and analyze quotations about survival.

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A. Vocabulary Entry Task (5 minutes)

- Post the Vocabulary Entry Task in advance:
  - That very day he shot a young antelope, the kind called a topi.
  - “What does topi (page 33) mean? Underline the phrase in the sentence that helped you figure it out.”
  - “What does solemn (page 35) mean? What on the page tells you that?”
- Ask students to take out their Reader’s Notes so you can check Part 1 (gist notes) for Chapter 6 in a moment.
- Introduce the entry task routine for students. Tell them that this will be a daily routine and that the vocabulary work will always focus on words from the previous night’s reading. Sometimes students will look closely at unfamiliar words; sometimes they will look closely at a word that they may have seen before but that has a particular importance or meaning in this text.
- The expectation is that students work silently and individually to complete the entry task. Tell students the format you have chosen to use for this task (they complete it either in a daily work notebook or on a paper you distribute each day).
students work, circulate to check that their Reader’s Notes for Chapter 6 (Part 1) are complete. Do not collect students’ notes, since they need them later in the lesson.

• Focus students whole group. Cold call two students to share their answers to the entry task, making sure they explain how they figured the words out. Remind them that they determined word meaning from context when they worked with informational text in Unit 1 and ask them to name some strategies they learned. Listen for them to explain that they kept reading (the sentence or page) or reread (the sentence or page) to gather clues; that they checked a guess by rereading and substituting the word; or other strategies for determining vocabulary in context (see Unit 1, Lessons 10–14).

• Point out that in the novel, as in informational text, readers use both immediate (in the sentence) and broader (on the page; maybe even after the word) context to determine the meaning of a word.

B. Introducing Learning Targets and Reading Closely for Details (5 minutes)

• Direct the class’s attention to the two learning targets for the day:
  • “I can use context clues (in the sentence or on the page) to determine the meaning of words in A Long Walk to Water.”
  • “I can analyze the development of a theme in a novel by identifying challenges to and factors in survival for Salva and Nya in A Long Walk to Water.”

• Ask students: “Which learning target have we been working on so far today? When you know, raise your hand.” Pause. When most of the class has a hand up, call on one student to read the target aloud (“I can use context clues ...”). Confirm that students understand the meaning of context; remind them that the prefix con means “with,” so context means the additional information that comes with the text.

• Focus students on the second target. Ask them: “When did you work on this target? When you know and can explain your thinking, raise your hand.”

• Wait until at least two-thirds of the class has a hand up. Call on one student to share. Probe to make sure the student explains the connection between Lesson 1 and the learning target. Confirm that students remember the meaning of theme from their work in Lesson 1. Point out that yesterday they identified a theme; today they are analyzing its development. Analyzing means taking something apart to see how it fits together. Development refers to the process of building. It may help students to connect this term to housing development. In a literary sense, development means how some component—an idea, a character—is built over the course of a book. So analyzing the development of theme means noticing how an

• Learning targets are a research-based strategy that helps all students, but especially challenged learners. Discussing and clarifying the language of learning targets helps build academic vocabulary.
author used different pieces, such as characters or scenes or words, to build a theme in a book.

- Focus students on the Things Close Readers Do anchor chart (from Unit 1). Ask students to read the chart silently and choose one item on the list that they think is very important. When they have one in mind, they should raise their hands. After all hands are up, select three students to read their choices out loud.

- Distribute Reading Closely: Guiding Questions. Explain the general purpose of the handout and connect it to the Things Close Readers Do anchor chart. (For example: “In our first unit, we spent a lot of time talking about things close readers do. Our Things Close Readers Do anchor chart lists a lot of strategies to use when reading closely and carefully, and we practiced those strategies a lot. This document is going to help us get even better at reading closely. It explains in a lot more detail many things readers do in order to read a text closely and understand it fully. We will work with this document throughout the year, even though we won’t get to talk about every single bullet on this page. But on different days, we will focus on a different skill and then practice that skill for a while. I want you to remember that these skills are important not on their own, but because when you put them all together, they will help you become a stronger reader. This handout will help us see how the different skills we are working on are connected.”)

- Give students 2 minutes to silently skim the handout. Then ask questions to help students notice the overall organization of the document. For example:
  * “What is the first row mostly about? The second? The third?”
  * “Why are the rows arranged in this order?”

- Explain to students that they will often make connections between their learning targets and this document. Point students to the first supporting learning target:
  * “I can use context clues (in the sentence or on the page) to determine the meaning of words in A Long Walk to Water.”

- Ask them to look over the “Questioning the Text” row in Reading Closely: Guiding Questions and find phrases that they think describe this learning target. When they find one, they should put their finger on it.

- When most students have their fingers on one, ask a few students to share out. Listen for them to say: “What words or phrases are critical for my understanding of the text?” and “What words do I need to know to better understand the text?” Ask all students to star a statement that relates to this learning target.

- Point the class to the second supporting learning target:
  * “I can analyze the development of a theme in a novel by identifying challenges to and factors in survival for Salva and Nya"
in *A Long Walk to Water*.

- Ask students to again look over the Reading Closely: Guiding Questions handout and put their finger on a statement that connects to this learning target. Tell them that there are several possibilities.

### Opening (continued)

- When most students have their fingers on one, ask a few students to share out. Possible answers include but are not limited to: “What is this text mainly about?” “What is the author thinking and saying about the topic or theme?” “How are the details I find related in ways that build ideas and themes?” Ask all students to star a statement that relates to this learning target.
- Direct students to put Reading Closely: Guiding Questions in a place where they can easily find it each day.
Introducing Reader’s Dictionary (10 minutes)

• Point the class to Part 2 of the Reader’s Notes: the Reader’s Dictionary. Tell students they will be using these pages to keep track of words they learn so that they can remember them and use them in their writing later in the unit.

• Ask them to locate the Reader’s Dictionary for Chapter 6. Ask:
  * “Why are definitions provided for words in bold but not words in regular type? How will you get the other definitions?”

• Listen for them to use and explain the word context in their answers. Ask:
  * “What words might you add to this list?”

• Briefly review the definitions of the words in bold from Chapter 6. Notice that the definitions are student-friendly and match the usage of the word in the novel; they are not comprehensive dictionary definitions.

• Next, ask students to turn to Chapter 6 in A Long Walk to Water and work with their seat partners to determine the meaning of other words. Remind them that the purpose of a Reader’s Dictionary is to record a definition that they understand, not to copy one from a dictionary. Emphasize that you would prefer a mostly accurate definition in their own words to a formal dictionary definition. As they read, they will be mostly working with context clues at home, so today is their chance to practice this skill with a partner. Reassure students that they will get better at figuring out what a word means from context and writing it down in their own words as they practice over the course of the novel. Prompt them to use their entry task work to fill in definitions for solemn and topi.

• After students have worked for a few minutes, post definitions on a flip chart or a screen. (Posting the Teacher’s Edition of the Reader’s Dictionary would work.) Ask students how many they got correct or close to correct. Model what correct means: (“For example, the posted definition for ‘his hopes were dashed’ is ‘he completely lost hope.’ If you put that ‘hopes were dashed’ means that Salva was confused, I would call that not correct, since the emotion you named is wrong. However, if you put ‘he was discouraged,’ I would say that was mostly correct because you got the emotion right, even though you didn’t quite capture how strong the emotion was, as the posted definition does.”)

• Ask students to show you with their fingers how many they got correct or close to correct and celebrate their success. Prompt them to correct any definitions that were wrong.

• (If not part of a packet, distribute the Reader’s Notes for Chapters 7 and 8). Direct the class’s attention to the Reader’s Dictionary for Chapters 7 and 8. Read all listed words aloud and briefly review the provided definitions. Do not define words that do not have definitions, as students will be trying to determine their meaning from context as they read for homework. Remind students that they will encounter these words as they do their homework and encourage them to refer back to the
Establishing Routines for Discussing A Long Walk to Water (Chapter 6)

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<td>• Ask students to turn to Part 1 (gist notes) of their Reader’s Notes for Chapter 6 and discuss them with their seat partner, as they did in Unit 1. Students should add anything to their Reader’s Notes that they are missing.</td>
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<td>• Tell students that the class will be keeping a <strong>Salva/Nya anchor chart</strong>. On this chart, they will record what happens to Salva and Nya in each chapter. This will help them notice patterns in the book and keep track of the plot. To create it, they will use Part 1 of their Reader’s Notes.</td>
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<td>• Ask students to work with their seat partners to choose Salva or Nya and generate a one- to two-sentence gist statement about what happened to that character in Chapter 6 (based on their homework).</td>
<td>• Research indicates that cold calling improves student engagement and critical thinking. Prepare students for this strategy by discussing the purpose, giving appropriate thinking time, and indicating that this strategy will be used before students are asked questions. Some students may benefit from being privately prompted before they are called upon in a cold call. Although cold calling is a participation technique that necessitates random calling, it is important to set a supportive tone so that the use of the cold call is a positive experience for all.</td>
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<td>• Cold call two pairs of students per character to contribute their sentence(s), and then synthesize their answers into one gist statement per character. Ask students to name what makes a strong gist statement. Listen for these answers: briefly names major events, refers to other characters by name, explains time and place, is clear about the order of events and why characters do certain things. Create a small checklist called Strong Gist Notes near the top of the anchor chart that students will be able to refer to throughout the unit as they add to this chart.</td>
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<td>• Finally, add to the <strong>Survival anchor chart</strong>. Tell students that each day, they will add to the Survival anchor chart that they began in Lesson 1. Today, they will work with their seat partners to add ideas to the chart from Chapter 6. Set purpose: “Find at least one challenge to survival and at least one factor in survival for Salva and Nya from Chapter 6, which you read for homework last night. Please be ready to share your ideas.”</td>
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<td>• As the class works, circulate to gauge how well students are applying the thinking embedded in the two columns of the anchor chart (which was modeled during Lesson 1). Determine whether more modeling may be needed later in the lesson.</td>
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<td>• When work time ends, cold call several pairs to share, making sure to probe: “What in the text makes you say that?” Possible answers include: “challenges—Dinka, lack of water, lions.” Add to the Survival anchor chart. Prompt students to take out their <strong>Survival anchor chart (Student’s Notes)</strong> and update it so that it includes all of the ideas on the class Survival anchor chart.</td>
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will not serve its purpose unless this public record of class thinking is a good point of reference for students.

### Closing and Assessment

**A. Previewing Homework and Revisiting Learning Targets (5 minutes)**

- Post the assignment and explain it. Say something like: “For homework tonight, you will read Chapters 7 and 8 in *A Long Walk to Water* and complete both parts of the Reader’s Notes for these chapters. As you complete Part 1, the gist notes, remember to use our criteria for strong gist notes to make sure your work is of high quality.”

- Invite students to turn and talk:
  - “What do you think will happen to Salva in the next two chapters? Why do you think that?”

- Remind students that as they read, they should continue to use context to figure out what words mean and to record ideas in Part 2, the Reader’s Dictionary. Encourage them to write down at least one idea for each word.

- Do a Fist to Five with the learning target:
  - “I can use context clues (in the sentence or on the page) to determine the meaning of words in *A Long Walk to Water.*”

### Meeting Students’ Needs

- Opportunities for peer conversation about the book will motivate reluctant readers.
- Checking in with learning targets helps students self-assess their learning. This research-based strategy supports struggling learners most.

### Homework

**A. Read Chapters 7 and 8 in *A Long Walk to Water.* Complete both parts of the Reader’s Notes for these chapters.**

### Meeting Students’ Needs

- Consider providing a reading calendar for students to help them, support teachers, and families understand what is due when.
Grade 7: Module 1: Unit 2: Lesson 2
Supporting Materials
Please complete this task individually. Please refer to the pages you read last night for homework and to your Reader’s Dictionary.

1. *That very day he shot a young antelope, the kind called a topi.*

   What does *topi* (page 33) mean? Underline the phrase in the sentence that helped you figure that out.

2. What does *solemn* (page 35) mean? What on the page tells you that?
**READING CLOSELY: GUIDING QUESTIONS**

### APPROACHING TEXTS

Reading closely begins by considering my specific purposes for reading and important information about a text.

- **I am aware of my purposes for reading:**
  - Why am I reading this text?
  - In my reading, should I focus on:
    - The content and information about the topic?
    - The structure and language of the text?
    - The author’s view?

- **I take note of information about the text:**
  - Who is the author?
  - What is the title?
  - What type of text is it?
  - Who published the text?
  - When was the text published?

### QUESTIONING TEXTS

Reading closely involves:
1) initially questioning a text to focus my attention on its structure, ideas, language and perspective
2) questioning further as I read to sharpen my focus on the specific details in the text

- **I begin my reading with questions to help me understand the text and I pose new questions while reading that help me deepen my understanding:**
  - **Structure:**
    - How is the text organized?
    - How has the author structured the sentences and paragraphs?
    - How do the text’s structure and features influence my reading?
  - **Topic, Information and Ideas:**
    - What information/ideas are presented at the beginning of the text?
    - What information/ideas are described in detail?
    - What stands out to me as I first examine this text?
  - **Language:**
    - What do I learn about the topic as I read?
    - How do the ideas relate to what I already know?
    - What is this text mainly about?
    - What information or ideas does the text present?
  - **Perspective:**
    - Who is the intended audience of the text?
    - What is the author saying about the topic or theme?
    - What is the author’s relationship to the topic or themes?
    - How does the author’s language show his/her perspective?

### ANALYZING DETAILS

Reading closely involves:
1) thinking deeply about the details I have found through my questioning to determine their meaning, importance, and the ways they help develop ideas across a text; 2) analyzing and connecting details leads me to pose further text-specific questions that cause me to re-read more deeply.

- **I analyze the details I find through my questioning:**
  - **Patterns across the text:**
    - What does the repetition of words or phrases in the text suggest?
    - How do details, information, or ideas change across the text?
  - **Meaning of Language:**
    - How do specific words or phrases impact the meaning of the text?
  - **Importance:**
    - Which details are most important to the overall meaning of the text?
    - Which sections are most challenging and require closer reading?
  - **Relationships among details:**
    - How are details in the text related in a way that develops themes or ideas?
    - What does the text leave uncertain or unstated? Why?
## PART 1: GIST NOTES

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**Other new words you encountered:**
Salva/Nya anchor chart: What happened to Salva and Nya in *A Long Walk to Water*?
### Survival Anchor Chart: Challenges to and Factors in *A Long Walk to Water*

(For Teacher Reference: writing in italics indicates the type of content you are looking for students to add)

**Strong Gist Notes:**
- Briefly name major events
- Refer to characters by name
- Explain time and place
- Are clear about the order of events and why characters do certain things

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List the challenges that Nya and Salva face and the factors that help them to survive.

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Grade 7: Module 1: Unit 2: Lesson 3
Practicing Routines for Discussing A Long Walk to Water and Gathering Textual Evidence
### Long-Term Targets Addressed (Based on NYSP12 ELA CCLS)

I can use a variety of strategies to determine the meaning of unknown words or phrases. (L.7.4)
I can cite several pieces of text-based evidence to support an analysis of a literary text. (RL.7.1)
I can analyze the development of a theme throughout a literary text. (RL.7.2)

### Supporting Learning Targets

- I can use context clues (in the sentence or on the page) to determine the meaning of words in *A Long Walk to Water*.
- I can break a word into parts in order to determine its meaning and figure out what words it is related to.
- I can analyze the development of a theme in a novel by identifying challenges to and factors in survival for Salva and Nya in *A Long Walk to Water*.
- I can cite several pieces of text-based evidence to support my claims about the factors that allowed Salva and Nya to survive in *A Long Walk to Water*.

### Ongoing Assessment

- Reader’s Notes for Chapters 7 and 8 (from homework)

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### Agenda

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<td>• In Lesson 3, students learn one more routine that is a part of every homework assignment and some lessons through Lesson 9: how to use the Gathering Textual Evidence graphic organizer. Students gather evidence as they reread chapters. This task builds on the work with textual evidence students did in Unit 1. This graphic organizer is an essential scaffold for the End of Unit 2 Assessment, which is a literary analysis essay that addresses the question of how Salva and Nya survived. Students refer to their graphic organizer daily in Lessons 10 – 16.</td>
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### 1. Opening

- A. Vocabulary Entry Task (5 minutes)
- B. Reviewing Reader’s Dictionary, Chapters 7 and 8 (5 minutes)
- C. Introducing Learning Targets and Connecting to Reading Closely: Guiding Questions Handout (5 minutes)

### 2. Work Time

- A. Using Reader’s Notes to Add to Salva/Nya and Survival Anchor Charts (10 minutes)
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### Closing and Assessment

3. **Homework**

   A. Previewing Homework (5 minutes)

4. **Homework**

   A. Reread Chapters 6–8 and add two quotes to the Gathering Textual Evidence graphic organizer.

   B. Read Chapters 9 and 10 and complete Reader’s Notes (both parts) for these new chapters. Debrief (5 minutes)

   - Supporting students in doing this work well will position them to be successful when they write. Remind students of the importance of doing this work carefully and keeping track of this graphic organizer.

   - On the Gathering Textual Evidence graphic organizer, students practice the skills of explaining quotes and connecting them to specific factors in the survival of the two main characters.

   - See Unit Overview, “Preparation and Materials,” for an explanation of ways to organize this ongoing assignment. Like the Reader’s Notes, the recommendation is to create one packet (found as a stand alone document with the unit overview). However, if you prefer to not make a packet, the “supporting materials” in each lesson include the section of the Gathering Textual Evidence graphic organizer that will be for homework that night.

   - If you chose to make packets for chapters 6-18 (a Reader’s Notes packet for students “first read” and a Gathering Textual Evidence Packet for their “reread”), you of course do not need to also copy the supporting materials at the end of the lesson.

   - In advance: Decide how you will check this homework assignment. See Unit Overview “Preparation and Materials” for details.

   - Students also rely heavily on this graphic organizer again in Unit 3 when they draft their poems.

   - By this point in the novel, students should be able to keep their Reader’s Notes (first read for gist and vocabulary) fairly independently. If they need more support, continue to provide it.

   - Starting in this lesson, students fill out the Salva/Nya anchor chart increasingly independently. This anchor chart will be a crucial resource as they begin work toward their End of Unit 2 Assessment and the Module Performance Task: a two-voice poem (see separate document on EngageNY.org). Even though the anchor chart is not created as collectively, it is important that it reflects a clear and complete understanding of the novel.


   - Post: learning targets, entry task, Salva/Nya anchor chart, Survival anchor chart.
Lesson Vocabulary

prefix, root word, evidence, claim; terror (40), puzzled (42), shallow canoes (43), papyrus (43), reeds (43), prow (44), monotonous (46), abundance (47), massed (49), gourds, desperate (50)

Materials

- A Long Walk to Water (book; one per student)
- Vocabulary Entry Task (one per student)
- Reading Closely: Guiding Questions (from Lesson 2; one per student)
- Reader’s Notes (Chapters 9 and 10) (one per student)
- Survival anchor chart (begun in Lesson 1)
- Salva/Nya anchor chart (begun in Lesson 2)
- Survival anchor chart (Students’ Notes; begun in Lesson 1)
- Discussion Appointments in Salva’s Africa (from Lesson 1; one per student)
- Gathering Textual Evidence graphic organizer (one per student and one to display)
- Document camera

Opening

A. Vocabulary Entry Task (5 minutes)

- Post Vocabulary Entry Task in advance:
- Vocabulary Entry Task:

  “Salva staggered forward with yet another enormous load of reeds in his arms. Everyone was busy. Some people were cutting down the tall papyrus grass by the water’s edge. Others, like Salva, gathered up the cut stalks …” (page 43)

  * “What do the words reed and papyrus mean? Underline the parts of the excerpt that could help you figure this out.”

  * “What does abundance mean? What did you find on page 47 that helped you figure it out?”

- Remind students of the expectation that the entry task is done individually. Assure them that they will get better at the skill of thinking about words in context both by grappling alone (the entry task) and by talking over their thinking (during the discussion of the entry task).
### Opening (continued)

- As students do the entry task, check their homework: Reader’s Notes for Chapters 7 and 8.
- Provide specific positive feedback for meeting the expectation of individual grappling during the entry task and following your routine for having their homework checked.
- When students are finished, call on several of them to share their thinking. Help the class notice that the context for *reeds* and *papyrus* is in the same sentence, but the context for *abundance* comes from reading farther down the page.

### B. Reviewing Reader’s Dictionary, Chapters 7 and 8 (5 minutes)

- Tell students that in addition to determining the meaning of words using context, we can sometimes use our knowledge of word parts and families to figure out what a word means. Point them to the word *desperate* (page 50). Ask: “What other words does it remind you of?” Listen for students to mention: “despair,” “desperation,” or “desperado.”
- Tell students that *desperate* has two parts. There is a *prefix*, the small part of the word at the beginning. In this case, the prefix is *de-* which means “down from” or “apart from.” For example, *decode* means to take a code apart, *deforest* means to take a forest down, *desegregate* means to take apart a segregated system.
- The main part of a word is called a *root*, and it is from the root that other words are built. It’s just like the root of a tree or plant: other things grow from it. The root of *desperate* is *sper*, from the Latin *sperare*, which means “to hope.” Many of our root words come from Latin. If you look at *despair* and *desperado*, you can see this root. Turn and talk: What does *desperate* mean? How did you use the parts of the word to figure it out?
- Cold call several students to share their thinking. Then probe by asking them, “Is a desperate person careful? Why or why not?”
- Post definitions of other words from Chapters 7 and 8 and ask students to review their Reader’s Dictionaries in their Reader’s Notes and correct their own work as necessary. Remind them that this skill will improve with practice. Reassure them that it is OK if they are not getting them all right. Be clear that there are two purposes for focusing on vocabulary. It will help them build knowledge related to the theme of survival, which is their focus as they read this novel, and it will help them practice the more general skill of figuring words out, which will make them better readers of any text.
- Direct students’ attention to the **Reader’s Notes for Chapters 9 and 10**. Read all listed words in the Reader’s Dictionary aloud and briefly review the provided definitions. Do not define words that do not have definitions, and remind students to use the Reader’s Dictionary for reference as they complete their homework.

### Meeting Students’ Needs

- Discussion of breaking a word into parts and figuring out what words it is related to should tap into students’ interest in playing with language. Model your own interest in and curiosity about language just as much as you model the skill of breaking words apart.
- Reading the vocabulary words aloud will help students learn those words.
**Openings (continued)**

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<td>• Confirm that they remember what it means to cite text-based evidence (see Unit 1, Lesson 4). Introduce the term <em>claim</em>. Help students connect to the contexts in which they already know this word: I claimed that seat. She claimed that she had already paid for the shoes. A <em>claim</em> is a statement that something is true, and it needs to be supported. When we write about texts, we often make claims about a text and support those claims with evidence from the text. Ask: “When is another time in this module that you did this thinking? Raise your hand when you think of a time.”</td>
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<td>• Ask students to get out the <em>Reading Closely: Guiding Questions</em> handout and look in particular at Section III. Ask: “What phrases do you see on this handout that describe this learning target? When you find one, put your finger on it.”</td>
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<td>• When most students have their finger on one, ask a few students to share out. Listen for students to say: “What details, information, and ideas are repeated throughout the text?” or “Which details are most important to help me understand the text?” or “How are the details I find related in ways that build ideas and themes?”</td>
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**Work Time**

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<td>• Tell students that they are getting more familiar with the novel and with the routines for taking notes on the class’s two anchor charts. So starting today, while most of the class works on one chart, one pair will work on the other. In effect, this pair will be teaching the class. A new pair will have this job each day.</td>
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<td>• Ask all students to work with seat partners to discuss what they might add to the Survival anchor chart from last night’s reading. Prompt them to use their Reader’s Notes for this work.</td>
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As all pairs work, select one strong pair and invite them to come to the Salva/Nya anchor chart. Direct their attention to the criteria on the anchor chart for strong gist statements. Ask this pair to add to the Salva/Nya chart. | 
Focus students whole group and ask them to look at the pair’s work on the Salva/Nya anchor chart. Remind students that this chart is helping them think more about plot in order to keep track what happened to each main character in each chapter. Invite the pair of students who added to the Salva/Nya chart to share their work with the class. Ask if anyone wants to clarify or add anything to the entry. Prompt students to use this chart and the criteria list to check their Reader’s Notes and make sure their notes are of high quality. Thank the students who worked on the Nya/Salva chart, and provide positive feedback to the class for working together to make sure the notes on this chart are complete. | 
Focus the group on the Survival anchor chart. Remind students that this chart is helping them think more about theme. Cold call pairs of students to add to the Survival anchor chart. With each factor that they suggest, probe: “What in the text makes you say that?” Remind students to update their Survival Anchor Chart (Student’s Notes) and return it to their binder where they will be able to access it when doing their homework. | 
Reiterate that the pattern of individual thinking and reading at home, combined with good partner conversation in class, will make the students stronger readers. Consider pointing out how this routine is similar to work they will do later in life, in study groups in high school or college, or in seminars or book groups. Emphasize that the goal of all their work this year is to become increasingly proficient and independent readers. | 

B. Introducing the Focus Question and Gathering Textual Evidence about Survival (20 minutes) | 
Give students specific positive feedback for their use of the two anchor charts. Emphasize that these charts are going to be very important for the writing students will do later in this unit and also in Unit 3. | 
Remind students that we keep asking ourselves about how Nya and Salva survive. Share with them that at the end of the unit, they will write an essay answering the question: “What factors made survival possible for Salva in *A Long Walk to Water*?” At the end of the module, they will write a poem that explains how both Salva and Nya survive. Starting today, they will begin to gather textual evidence. Gathering and thinking about this evidence will help them understand the book more deeply and prepare them to write the essay and poem. | 
Tell students that for the rest of class, they will work with their Kenya Discussion Partner (listed on their copy of *Discussion Appointments in Salva’s Africa*). Remind them of the expectations established in Lesson 1 about moving quietly and efficiently, and that if their Discussion Appointment partner is absent, they should come to the front of the room so you can assign them a partner. |  
• Discussion Appointments and other protocols that involve movement give students a needed break that allows them to better focus on challenging tasks. Here, the movement comes right before students need to engage with the most challenging section of the lesson.  
• Modeling is most effective when students can see and hear what you are doing. It is best for them to have the paper in front of them and to see you actually write the notes.
### Work Time (continued)

- Distribute the **Gathering Textual Evidence graphic organizer** and tell students they should move to meet with their Discussion Appointment.
- When students are settled, direct them to work with their Kenya partner to follow the directions on page 1 of the graphic organizer to learn about how to take their notes.
- Check for understanding by asking them to hold up fingers in answer to your questions. Ask:
  * “Which column in the graphic organizer is filled out directly from the novel?”
  * “Which column in the graphic organizer tells more about the quote?”
  * “Which column in the graphic organizer shows your thinking about how this connects to a factor in survival?”
- Clarify as needed. Point out to students that they will use their Survival anchor chart (Student’s Notes) when they are working at home; when they are working in class, they can refer to the Survival anchor chart on the wall.
- Tell students that they will begin using the graphic organizer today. Remind them that they used a similar graphic organizer in Unit 1 when they thought about Salva and Nya’s identity. Point out that, moving from left to right, there are four columns in this graphic organizer.

Direct their attention to the first row of the chart, which has been filled out as an example. Ask them to follow along as you think aloud about how you completed the row.

- Ideally, post the graphic organizer on a document camera and point to each section as you think aloud about it. A think-aloud might sound something like this:
  * “I knew I wanted to find a quote about how important family was for survival. I had just read the chapter where Salva finds his uncle, and so I went back to that part of the book.”
  * “I could see from my Reader’s Notes that it was Chapter 6, so I turned to that chapter and found the part about Salva. I reread the pages (34 and 35) when he first finds his uncle. Open your book to those pages and take a look.”
  * “I almost chose that quote on page 34 that says, ‘Uncle!’ he cried out, and ran into the man’s arms.’ But then I realized that this quote shows how happy he was to see his uncle, not how important his uncle was to his survival.”
  * “So instead, I chose the quote on page 35 that you see on the chart, which says both that they are together and that his uncle will take care of him.” (Point out the “details/evidence” in the first column and the page number in the second column.)
  * (Focus students on the third column, Explanation.) “After I wrote the quote down and the page number where I found it...”

### Meeting Students’ Needs

- During this time, you could choose to have a small group of students who need more support complete the work in a small group with you. One way of supporting struggling students is to provide them with more guided practice before releasing them to work independently.
in the text, I moved on to the third column. In this column, I explained the context of the quote, which means what

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• happened in the story right before and right after that quote. When I look back at my chart later, this will help me remember what exactly the quote means, and I would also use this information if I were including this quote in my essay.”

• (Focus students on the fourth column, Significance.) “Finally, in the right-hand column, I connected this quote to a specific factor that was important in Salva’s survival. You’ll see that family is a factor we have listed on the chart on page 1 of this packet. In this column, I am analyzing—I am connecting this quote to a bigger idea in the story. You’ll see that I explain what happens later as a way of proving that Salva’s uncle did in fact take care of him and so family was an important factor in his survival.”

• Invite students to think about what they noticed in this modeling, then talk with their partners about their observations.

• Tell students that it’s their turn to give it a try. They will first analyze a quote that has already been selected and explained. Tell students they will have 5 minutes to do the following:

  1. Read the first three columns of the chart.

  2. Complete the fourth column. Remember that in this column you can discuss events before and after the quote, and your goal is to clearly connect this quote to the ways that family allowed Nya’s sister to survive.

• As students work, circulate to support their thinking. Listen for them to point out that Akeer might not have survived if her family had not brought her to the clinic. Because they did bring her to the clinic, Akeer got better. You may need to push them to add the longer-term analysis (that the visit helped her get better).

• After the class has worked for 5 minutes, refocus students whole group. Call on several pairs to share their answers. Notice and provide specific positive feedback for a clear link to family and for use of details from the text beyond the immediate context of the quote.

• Create a written record of what a strong answer for this column looks like. Prompt students to make sure that their graphic organizers have a strong answer and encourage them to correct theirs using the one you have just written up as a model.

• Finally, tell students that now they will find, explain, and analyze a quote on their own. Focusing on Chapters 6–8, they need to find one more quote about how family helps Nya or Salva survive. Focusing on Chapters 6–8 of *A Long Walk to Water*, they need to find one more quote about how family helps Nya or Salva survive.

• As students work, circulate to listen and push their thinking. After students have worked for 5 minutes, call on several pairs to share their work. Offer specific positive feedback for choosing a brief and relevant quote, for clearly explaining and then also analyzing that quote.
Focus students whole group. Choose a particularly strong example to add to the graphic organizer you have been using for the first two examples.

**Work Time (continued)**

- Reinforce students’ growing skill with the Discussion Appointment routine. Give specific positive feedback if you noticed quick transitions to partner work, students coming to the front who needed a partner, and strong collaboration in their pairs.
- Ask students to thank their Kenya Discussion Appointment and return to their seats.

**Meeting Students’ Needs**
### Closing and Assessment

**A. Previewing Homework (5 minutes)**
- Review the homework assignment, pointing out that tonight students need to reread and then also read some new chapters. Tell them that there are some difficult scenes in tonight’s reading, and have them turn to the notes from Unit 1 about reading emotionally difficult text and find one thing they can do.
- Remind students that they will need their Survival anchor chart (Student’s Notes) to complete the homework assignment.
- Invite students to turn and talk:
  - “Why is rereading important in tonight’s homework assignment?”
  - “How much time do you think you will spend rereading?” Encourage students to set a minimum time (5 to 10 minutes) for which they will reread.

### Meeting Students’ Needs
- The opportunity to discuss the homework and set goals with their peers will help motivate students to engage in rereading, which is likely to be a new and perhaps challenging activity for them.

### Homework

**A. Reread Chapters 6–8 and add two quotes to your Gathering Textual Evidence graphic organizer. These can relate to any factor important to survival on our anchor chart; they do not have to relate to family.**

**B. Read Chapters 9 and 10 and complete Reader’s Notes (both parts) for these new chapters.**

### Meeting Students’ Needs
- Struggling students could be asked to add one quote from a particular chapter that relates to a specific factor (in this case, focusing them on water and Chapter 6 would work).
Please complete this task individually. Please refer to the pages you read last night for homework and to your Reader's Dictionary.

“Salva staggered forward with yet another enormous load of reeds in his arms. Everyone was busy. Some people were cutting down the tall papyrus grass by the water’s edge. Others, like Salva, gathered up the cut stalks . . .” (p. 43)

1. What do the words reed and papyrus mean?
   Underline the parts of the excerpt that could help you figure this out.

2. What does abundance mean? What did you find on page 47 that helped you figure it out?
### CHAPERS 9 and 10

#### PART 1: GIST NOTES

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The two central characters in A Long Walk to Water are named Nya and Salva. The author of the novel, Linda Sue Park, includes a short section in each chapter that is written from Nya’s perspective, and the remainder of the chapter is written from Salva’s perspective. What factors allow the two characters to survive in challenging environments?

1. What will you be gathering evidence about? Underline the focusing question above.

2. What information will you need to be able to answer the focusing question and to explain your answer? Turn to a partner. Look carefully at the graphic organizer as you discuss the answers to the questions below. Color in the circle next to each question after you have talked about it.

   - What information will you put in the first two columns? Where will you get this information?
   - What information will go in the remaining columns? Where will this information come from?
   - Why are you gathering all this information? What are you trying to figure out?

### Chapter 9-10

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<td>“Eh, Nephew!’ he said in a cheerful voice. We are together now, so I will look after you.”</td>
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Grade 7: Module 1: Unit 2: Lesson 4
Using Routines for Discussing A Long Walk to Water and Introducing Juxtaposition (Chapters 9 and 10)
Long-Term Targets Addressed (Based on NYSP12 ELA CCLS)

I can use a variety of strategies to determine the meaning of unknown words or phrases. (L.7.4)
I can analyze how an author develops and contrasts the points of view of characters and narrators in a literary text. (RL.7.6)

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   A. Vocabulary Entry Task (5 minutes)
   B. Reviewing Reader’s Dictionary and Introducing Learning Targets (10 minutes)

2. **Work Time**
   A. Take a Stand: Survival in Chapters 9 and 10 (10 minutes)
   B. Introducing Juxtaposition (15 minutes)

3. **Closing and Assessment**

   • By Lesson 4, students should be proficient with the routines for reviewing vocabulary and the reading. The lesson Opening has been condensed into fewer steps to reflect the familiarity with these routines.
   • Continue to offer specific positive feedback for student mastery and use of routines, especially rereading for homework.
   • If you choose to collect Reader’s Notes after Chapter 10 and the Gathering Textual Evidence graphic organizer for Chapters 6–8 (recommended), collect the work just before the closing of class. Otherwise, follow your usual routine for spot-checking homework.
   • Students also should be familiar enough with the two main anchor charts (Salva/Nya and Survival) that you can introduce some variation without confusing them. (It does not make sense to change the routine every day, but some variation will increase student engagement.) In this lesson, the class will...
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update the anchor charts, but in the context of the more engaging Take a Stand protocol. This simple protocol is described in Part A of Work Time and also in the supporting materials. Review it in advance.

- This lesson introduces students to the concept of juxtaposition. This concept helps students meet standard RL.7.6, which focuses on how an author develops and contrasts the point of view of two narrators or characters. The novel A Long Walk to Water was chosen for this module in part because it addresses this reading standard so directly.

- This standard, and the concept of juxtaposition, is introduced in this lesson and practiced informally in this unit. In Unit 3, students will engage more deeply with the standard, which is more central to (and formally assessed through) their two-voice poem about Salva and Nya.

- Juxtaposition is defined for students in the lesson; it involves putting things side by side to see how they compare and contrast. In A Long Walk to Water, the author juxtaposes the two main characters in a number of ways. Do not tell students this; they will come to discover it throughout the lesson series. But note for yourself the many comparisons: Both Salva and Nya are children, both suffer from lack of water, and both are affected by some aspect of the conflict in South Sudan. Also note the contrasts: The two characters grow up about 20 years apart from each other, they are different genders and from different tribes, etc. And, of course, one character is fictional and the other is based on a real person.

- Through this juxtaposition, Park is able to show a wider range of experiences than if she had only one character. The parallels and contrasts between the characters also help the reader understand each character's point of view and allow Park to more fully convey her ideas about how people in Sudan survive. Throughout this unit, students will be guided to notice not only how the two main characters are juxtaposed, but also to think about the author's purpose in using this approach.

- In advance: Review the explanation of juxtaposition in the lesson. This lesson includes some basic examples, but you may prefer to select examples that you know your particular students will relate to.

- Find a visual example of juxtaposition here: http://www.dpreview.com/challenges/Entry.aspx?ID=672430&View=Results&Rows=4. Images 2 and 4 are particularly effective.

- Review the Take a Stand protocol (see Appendix 1). Read the directions for Part A of Work Time to envision this activity. Consider posting three charts in three areas of the classroom: “Strongly Agree,” “Strongly Disagree,” and “In the Middle.”
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<td>• Before teaching this lesson, review the Unit 3 mid-unit assessment. In your conversation with students, try to avoid specific discussion of those examples of juxtaposition. (Both are from chapters 17 and 18: Salva’s step by step work to start his organization juxtaposed with Nya’s village’s step by step change because of the well; Nya’s joy in going to school juxtaposed with Salva’s joy in finding his father.)</td>
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Lesson Vocabulary

-metaphor, point of view, perspective, juxtaposition (n)/juxtapose (v), compare, contrast; relentless (52), refugee camp (60), spark of hope (61), shrubs (52), endured (52), been reduced to (52), arid (52), lag (53), vulture (59), corpses (59), vision (61), receding (61), ritual scarring (62)

Materials

- Vocabulary Entry Task (one per student)
- Reader’s Notes, Chapters 11–13 (one per student)
- Gathering Textual Evidence graphic organizer (Chapters 9–10) (one per student)
- A Long Walk to Water (book; one per student)
- Salva/Nya anchor chart (begun in Lesson 2)
- Reading Closely: Guiding Questions (from Lesson 2; one per student)
- Survival anchor chart (begun in Lesson 1)
- Survival anchor chart (Students’ Notes; begun in Lesson 1)
- Take a Stand directions and prompt (one per student)
- Discussion Appointments in Salva’s Africa (from Lesson 1; one per student)
- Juxtaposition image (one to display; see Teaching Note above)
- Juxtaposition image discussion prompts (one per student)
- Juxtaposition in Chapters 8 and 9 questions (one per student)
- Exit ticket (one per student)

Opening

A. Vocabulary Entry Task (5 minutes)

- Post the Vocabulary Entry Task before students arrive:
  
  A. “What does relentless (page 52) mean? How did you figure it out?”
  
  B. “Why does the author use the phrase ‘spark of hope’ (page 61)? What does this mean? Why didn’t she just write ‘hope’?”

- When students are finished, cold call several of them to share their thinking. Help them notice that “spark of hope” provides a visual image of a small light in the darkness. It is a metaphor, which authors sometimes use to help their readers understand the emotions of their characters. Authors sometimes choose a sensory image to represent an emotion, since we
### Opening (continued)

- cannot see or hear emotions directly.
- should write the corresponding question number in the margin to make the next part of the activity move more efficiently.
- Model briefly as needed. When it is clear students understand the instructions, release them to independent work.

Give students the next 15 minutes to work on finding important details for each question. Circulate and support students as needed.

### B. Reviewing Reader’s Dictionary and Introducing Learning Targets (10 minutes)

- Write the word *refugee* on the board. Ask students if they see a prefix they recognize. When a student points out the prefix *re-*, explain that re- means again, back, or from, as in *rewind* (wind again), *retrace* (trace again), or *revert* (turn back to the way it was before).

- Ask students if they recognize a root in the word. (This is likely to be harder.) Explain that the root of this word, like the root of *desperate*, is from Latin. The root is *fug*, from *fugere*, which means “to flee or run away.”

- Ask students: “Given this prefix and this root, what do you think this word means? What is a refugee camp? Why might they be set up?”

- Listen for students to identify that a refugee is someone who has fled home.

- Extend the learning of this word family by asking students if they can think of other words that have the same root. Listen for them to suggest related words, including *fugitive* and *refuge*.

- Post definitions of other words in their Reader’s Notes for Chapters 9 and 10 and ask students to review their dictionaries and correct as necessary.

- (If *Reader’s Notes for Chapters 11–13* and are in a new packet, distribute that packet.) Distribute *Gathering Textual Evidence graphic organizer (Chapters 9–10)*. Finally, quickly review the words in the Reader’s Dictionary for Chapters 11–13. As before, read the words aloud but do not define any words that are not already defined.

- Read aloud the last two supporting learning targets:
  
  A. “I can explain what juxtaposition means and list several ways in which Salva and Nya are juxtaposed in *A Long Walk to Water.*”

  B. “I can explain one way in which juxtaposing these characters helps the author compare and contrast their points of view.”

- Ask students: “Think of a time while reading this book that you talked about point of view. When you remember one, raise...”
Opening (continued)

your hand.” When most of the class has a hand up, call on several students to explain their thinking. Listen for references to the point of view work in Unit 1. Confirm that students remember what point of view means: the perspective from which a story is told or how things are being seen and experienced.

Ask the class to repeat after you: juxtapose, juxtaposition, juxtaposing. Tell the students that they will talk more about this learning target, but that juxtapose literally means to put two things next to each other. To illustrate this abstract concept in a concrete way, ask students to juxtapose two items on their desks.
A. Take a Stand: Survival in Chapter 9 and 10 (10 minutes)

- Be sure students have their book A Long Walk to Water out. Ask a strong pair of students to use their Reader’s Notes to add to the Salva/Nya anchor chart. Direct their attention to the criteria for strong gist notes.
- Invite other students to clarify the pair’s notes as needed.
- Tell the class that today, as usual, they will be talking about survival. But they are going to do it in a new way. Review the Take a Stand protocol briefly with students. Tell them that it is a simple process that lets them show their opinion by where they stand, physically. Point out that “take a stand” is often used synonymously with “tell your opinion.”
- Give directions:
  - You will be given a question to think about.
  - Then you will physically “take a stand”: go to the spot in the room that is designated for that opinion.
  - You will be asked to justify your decision. Why do you think what you think?
  - If you hear someone else say something that changes your thinking, you may move to the spot in the room that designates your new opinion.
  - Distribute the Take a Stand directions and prompt, or post the prompt on the board. Read it aloud:
    - “Salva survives the desert crossing mostly because he is lucky. His personal qualities, such as bravery and persistence, have little to do with his survival.”
- Give students 2 minutes to review their Reader’s Notes and think silently about this prompt.
- Refocus students whole group and point out the three areas of the room:
  - “People who strongly agree will be all the way over here.”
  - “People who strongly disagree will be all the way over here.”
  - “People who are in the middle will be here.”
- Ask the class to physically move to “take a stand.” Once students are settled, tell them you would like to hear a few of them justify their thinking. Encourage students to listen to their peers and consider whether, based on the evidence and explanation, their own opinion is changing. Emphasize that readers often modify their opinions as they read, think, talk, and write more about a topic.
- Cold call a few students to justify their stand, making sure to hear from students at different points on the spectrum. Pause

Meeting Students’ Needs

- Use of protocols (like Take a Stand) allows for total participation of students. It encourages critical thinking, collaboration, and social construction of knowledge. It also helps students practice their speaking and listening skills.
- In this part of the lesson, students are supported in grappling with a complex idea by having the opportunity to explore that idea with an image and in conversation, rather than in writing.
### Work Time (continued)

- to allow their classmates to move in response to the ideas they hear.

  - Ask at least one student who moved:
    * “How and why did your thinking change?”
  
  - Publically appreciate students who are willing to revise their thinking based on others’ evidence and explanations.
  
  - Thank students for their participation and ask them to return to their seats. Briefly debrief the protocol by asking: “What factors in survival did we talk about today?” Add these to the Survival anchor chart. Make sure that persistence is mentioned and added to the chart.
  
  - Prompt students to use the Salva/Nya chart to check their Reader’s Notes for accuracy and to update the Survival anchor chart (Student’s Notes).

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<td>• Ask students to take out their Reading Closely: Guiding Questions handout (from Lesson 2). Focus them on the second row, and ask them,</td>
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<td>* “Are we mostly talking about Structure, Topic, Language, or Perspective? How can you tell?”</td>
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<td>• Project a definition of <em>juxtaposition</em>: “To put things next to each other, especially for the purpose of comparing them.” Read it aloud. Explain that using prefixes and word roots will help students remember what this word means. <em>Juxta</em> means “next to,” and <em>pos</em> is a common root from the Latin <em>positus</em> (placed). Ask students to think of other words that use the root <em>pos</em>. Listen for</td>
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### Meeting Students’ Needs

- Many students will benefit from having the time available for the various partner conversations displayed via a timer or stopwatch.

- Consider partnering ELLs who speak the same home language when discussion of complex content is required. This can allow students to have more meaningful discussions and clarify points in their native language.
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Juxtaposition (Chapters 9 and 10)

“position,” “impose,” “compose,” etc.

Work Time (continued)

Meeting Students’ Needs

• Ask students to add this word and its definition to their Reader’s Notes (in the margin).

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• Share the juxtaposition image. Give students a minute to look at it, then post the juxtaposition image discussion
prompts. Turn and talk:

* “What two images are juxtaposed here?”
* “What is the same about these images? What is different?”
* “Why did the artist want you to compare these two images?”
• Tell students that now they will think about this question:

* “How did the author of A Long Walk to Water juxtapose Nya and Salva?”
• Start a list on the board, getting the class started with the most basic example: One way Park juxtaposes Salva and Nya is by
putting them in the same book, and even in the same chapter. Add that to the list.
• Direct students’ attention to the Salva/Nya anchor chart and ask: “What other ways does the author juxtapose Salva and
Nya?” Wait until four or five hands are up, and then hear two students’ ideas.
• Point out that juxtaposition means putting things side by side BOTH for comparison (how they are alike and different) AND for
contrast (how they are different). Pause for a moment to make sure students understand this academic vocabulary: Comparing
usually focuses on similarities, and contrasting involves finding differences.
• To check for understanding, do a quick call and response. Tell students that you will make a statement and then count to
three on your fingers. At three, they need to say all together “compare” or “contrast.” Say: “Both dogs are brown, but my dog
is bigger.” “He had chocolate ice cream, but I had vanilla.” “We both ate spaghetti.”
• Provide positive feedback to students for engaging with the new and complicated idea of juxtaposition. Tell them that they
are acquiring tools for thinking deeply about complex texts. As they move on to high school and college, they will need tools
that match the texts they will read.
• Tell students that in a moment, during their Ethiopia Discussion Appointment, they will continue talking about how the
characters compare. Briefly review the expectations for movement, and then ask students to move to their Ethiopia
Discussion Appointment.
• When students are settled, refocus the class. Ask students to think, then turn and talk: “Now that we have noticed that the
two characters are juxtaposed, let’s think about how this helps us compare and contrast them. Find at least two similarities
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and two differences between Salva and Nya.”

- Call on several pairs to explain their ideas. Listen for comparisons: The two characters are within the book (the author could have told one story, then the other); are within the same historical context; are both children; and both need water. Listen for contrasts: boy versus girl, different years, etc.

- Point out that the author clearly chose to write her novel in this way: She is using juxtaposition to get us, as readers, to think more deeply about the characters and themes. Tell students that now they will practice analyzing one particular instance of how Park uses juxtaposition to help readers compare and contrast the two characters’ points of view.

- Post the Juxtaposition in Chapters 8 and 9 questions for a Think-Pair-Share:
  * “In Chapters 8 and 9, what was each character’s experience with water?”
  * “How were their experiences the same and different?”
  * “Why do you think the author put these two accounts so close to each other?”
  * “What does she want you to notice or wonder about survival in Sudan?”

- Listen for students to notice:
  * In Chapters 8 and 9, Salva is crossing the desert. People live or die depending on whether or not they have water. Nya is worried about getting clean water, since the nurse told them to boil it but there is never enough to boil.
  * Same: Life depends on clean water. Different: Nya is at home, where dirty water causes sickness but not death, and there is hope (people come to talk about a well); Salva is traveling, and people die from thirst.
  * Putting these so close together helps Park show us how important access to clean water is in Sudan, in war and in peace, at home and traveling, in the 1980s and today. People without access to clean water have difficulty surviving.

- Tell students that this is only an introduction to this idea. They will circle back to it and should keep it in mind as they read.
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Closing and Assessment

A. Exit Ticket: (5 minutes)
- Distribute the exit ticket. Read the prompt aloud and ask students to respond in writing:
  * “How does Park’s decision to juxtapose Salva and Nya in A Long Walk to Water help us better understand each character’s point of view? Support your answer with at least one specific comparison from the book so far.”
- Collect Reader’s Notes and the first part of the Gathering Textual Evidence graphic organizer (for Chapters 6–8).

(Note: If you have created the Gathering Textual Evidence graphic organizer as a packet, it is formatted so that students can tear off the first page and turn it in and still have the part of the packet they need to complete tonight’s homework.)

Meeting Students’ Needs
- Using entrance/exit tickets allows you to get a quick check for understanding of the learning target so that instruction can be adjusted or tailored to students’ needs during the lesson or before the next lesson.
- When you review student’s Reader’s Notes and Gathering Textual Evidence graphic organizers, consider giving feedback that celebrates effort and also tells students what the “next step” should be. Note any students who are really struggling with this; they may need additional support in class.
- Also select one particular issue that applies to most of the class; identify a piece of work that deals with this issue well and type it up for use in Lesson 5.

Homework

A. Reread Chapters 9 and 10 and add two quotes to your Gathering Textual Evidence graphic organizer.
B. Read Chapters 11–13 and complete the Reader’s Notes (both parts) for these new chapters.

Note: Review students’ Reader’s Notes and Gathering Textual Evidence graphic organizers and be ready to return them to the class at the start of Lesson 5

Meeting Students’ Needs
- Struggling students could be asked to add one quote from a particular chapter that relates to a specific factor (in this case, focusing them on water and chapter 6 would...
Using Routines for Discussing A Long Walk to Water and Introducing Juxtaposition (Chapters 9 and 10)
Please complete this task individually. Please refer to the pages you read last night for homework and to your Reader’s Dictionary.

1. What does relentless (page 52) mean? How did you figure it out?

2. Why does the author use the phrase spark of hope (page 61)? What does this mean? Why didn’t she just write “hope”? 
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Other new words you encountered:
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*Using Routines for Discussing A Long Walk to Water and Introducing Juxtaposition (Chapters 9 and 10)*

Gathering Textual Evidence – How do Salva and Nya survive in a challenging environment in *A Long Walk to Water?* (Chapters 9–10)

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Directions
1. You will be given a question to think about.
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3. You will be asked to justify your decision. Why do you think what you think?
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The prompt:
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What two images are juxtaposed here?

What is the same about these images? What is different?

Why did the artist want you to compare these two images?
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2. How were their experiences the same and different?

3. Why do you think the author put these two accounts so close to each other?

4. What does she want you to notice or wonder about survival in Sudan?
1. How does Park’s decision to juxtapose Salva and Nya in *A Long Walk to Water* help us better understand each character’s point of view? Support your answer with at least one specific comparison from the book so far.
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Practice Evidence-Based Constructed Response:
Explaining One Factor That Helps Nya or Salva Survive (Chapters 11–13)
Long-Term Targets Addressed (Based on NYSP12 ELA CCLS)

I can use a variety of strategies to determine the meaning of unknown words or phrases. (L.7.4)
I can cite several pieces of text-based evidence to support an analysis of literary text. (RL.7.1)
I can analyze the development of a theme throughout a literary text. (RL.7.2)
I can select evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection and research. (W.7.9)

Supporting Learning Targets

• I can define words from *A Long Walk to Water* in my Reader’s Dictionary.
• I can continue to select evidence to explain what happens to Salva and Nya in *A Long Walk to Water*.
• I can select a quote from *A Long Walk to Water* and explain how it illustrates a factor in how Nya and/or Salva survive.

Ongoing Assessment

• Reader’s Notes from Chapters 11-13 (from homework)
• Gathering Textual Evidence graphic organizer for Chapters 9 and 10 (from homework)
• Student contributions to Salva/Nya anchor chart and Survival anchor chart
• Evidence-based constructed response

Agenda

1. **Opening**
   A. Vocabulary Entry Task: Chapters 11–13 (5 minutes)
   B. Returning Reader’s Notes and Gathering Textual Evidence Organizers (5 minutes)

2. **Work Time**
   A. Reviewing Chapters 11–13: Adding to Our Anchor Charts (5 minutes)
   B. Modeling, Partner Practice, and Independent Practice: Writing a Short Evidence-Based Constructed Response (25 minutes)

3. **Closing and Assessment**

   • This lesson is a continuation of the work with the theme of survival in *A Long Walk to Water* and practice for the type of explanation of evidence that students will do for the End of Unit 2 Assessment essay.
   • Part of the lesson’s Opening is to return the Reader’s Notes and Gathering Textual Evidence graphic organizers that students turned in yesterday. This gives you a chance to help students improve their evidence gathering as well as support those who may not be keeping up or understanding what is required at this point.
   • During this part of the lesson, students are asked to determine one thing they can do to improve their work on each document. This self-assessment of their work is a crucial step in helping students become more self-directed as they continue through the unit.
   • The purpose of the constructed response is for the students to gain experience in explaining how the details and/or quotes they select illustrate a central idea in the text. Use students’ short constructed responses, along with their self-assessment at the end of class, as valuable formative assessment data.

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<td>• Future lessons include careful scaffolding toward the End of Unit Assessment. Preview the unit-at-a-glance chart at the end of the Unit 2 Overview document to understand more fully what scaffolds are already “baked in” to upcoming lessons and what other adjustments you may need to make based on your own professional judgment. The ultimate goal is for students to be able to use quotes from the text correctly and appropriately as well as explain how a quote supports a main idea. All of these skills will be needed when students write their analysis essays about the theme of survival in <em>A Long Walk to Water</em> during the last half of this unit.</td>
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### Lesson Vocabulary

- spare (adj); persistence (n)/persistent (adj)/persist (v); stampede (74), despair (72), peril (80)

### Materials

- *A Long Walk to Water* (book; one copy per student)
- Vocabulary Entry Task (one per student)
- Discussion Appointments in Salva’s Africa (from Lesson 1; one per student)
- Salva/Nya anchor chart (begun in Lesson 2)
- Survival anchor chart (begun in Lesson 1)
- Survival anchor chart (Students’ Notes; begun in Lesson 1)
- Evidence-Based Constructed Response sheet (one per student)
- Quote Sandwich graphic (one to display)
- Document camera
- Gathering Textual Evidence graphic organizer, Chapters 11–13 (one per student)
- Reader’s Notes, Chapters 14 and 15 (one per student)
### Opening

#### A. Vocabulary Entry Task: questions about specific words from Chapters 11–13 (stampede, despair, peril) (5 minutes)
- Distribute Vocabulary Entry Task as students enter:
  1. What does *despair* mean? Why does Salva feel *despair*? What is the relationship between *despair* and *desperate*?
  2. Why is it dangerous to be in a *stampede*?
- Ask students to begin. By this lesson, they should be into the routine of the entry task and be efficient.
- When students are finished, cold call two or three to share their answers.
- Point out that “stampede” is an American word derived from a Spanish word meaning “crash,” *estampida*, and a French word meaning “feet,” *pieds*. Ask:
  - “How do these words make sense in stampede?” Call on one or two students who raise their hands.

#### B. Returning Reader’s Notes and Gathering Evidence Organizers (5 minutes)
- Return the Reader’s Notes to students and explain your comments, being sure to give specific positive feedback for things they did well, in addition to their next steps for improvement.
- Ask students to look at your comments in their Reader’s Notes and circulate to speak to those who may need a personalized response from you to understand what you have written about their work.
- Do the same with the Gathering Textual Evidence graphic organizer.
- Once students have looked at their work and your feedback, point out that they will continue to add information to these two documents and will need that information when they write their essays at the end of the unit. Say something like: “Because these documents will be so helpful to you, you need to do the very best you can to improve collecting this information as we finish reading A Long Walk to Water.”
- Ask students to write one thing they will do to improve their notes and one thing they will do to improve their work on their Gathering Textual Evidence graphic organizer.
- Then ask students to meet with their Khartoum Discussion Appointments (as listed on their copy of *Discussion Appointments in Salva’s Africa*). Tell them to find a place to sit, since they will be working together for the rest of class. Once they are settled, tell students to share with their partners their plans for improving their work on their Reader’s Notes and Gathering Evidence organizers.

### Meeting Students’ Needs
- The Gathering Textual Evidence graphic organizer will be used throughout the unit, though it will not be used everyday in class. Remind students that this will return to this document repeatedly; doing strong work and making sure to keep track of this paper will help them succeed on later assessments.
## Work Time

### A. Review Chapters 11-13: Adding to Our Anchor Charts (5 minutes)
Note: Part A of Work Time is quite short. Students should be familiar with these routines. In Part B of Work Time, they focus in much more depth on the ideas related to the Survival anchor chart. This is done through modeling and then practice writing.

- Ask one pair to add to the **Salva/Nya anchor chart**. (Choose a pair that you think will have good Reader’s Notes on what is happening in the novel).
- As this pair works, instruct all other pairs to compare their gist notes and decide what they would add to the **Survival anchor chart**.
- Direct whole group’s attention to the Salva/Nya chart to check their Reader’s Notes. Have students compare their notes to what was added to the chart to see if they need to clarify notes on the chart or add to their own Reader’s Notes.
- Be sure students have their text *A Long Walk to Water*. Ask pairs to contribute ideas for the Survival anchor chart and record their answers without elaboration unless there is a response that is incorrect. In that case, ask the pair to rethink and revise the contribution. Prompt students to update **Survival anchor chart (Student’s Notes)**.

### B. Modeling, Partner Practice, and Independent Practice: Writing a Short Evidence-Based Constructed Response (25 minutes)
Note: This entire activity takes 25 minutes total. See the italicized subheadings and suggested pacing below. Adjust to meet the needs of your class.

- Distribute the **Evidence-Based Constructed Response sheet**.
- Post this question on the board or a document camera:
  - “How does persistence help Salva survive in a difficult environment?”
- Ask students:
  - “What is persistence?”
- Define the word if they cannot. It means “the ability to stick with something even if it is very hard.” Use a quick example such as this one: “When you want something from you parents, do you ask and ask and ask? If so, you are being persistent!” Use this as an opportunity to reinforce parts of speech: *persistence* is the noun, *persistent* is the adjective describing someone who shows persistence, and *persist* is the verb, the act of sticking with something that’s hard.
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### Work Time (continued)

#### Modeling (5 minutes)
- Tell students you will briefly model for them how they might write a short constructed response to answer how Salva’s persistence in the face of a challenge helped him survive. To do this, you are going to share a handy way for them to use and explain quotes. It is called a Quote Sandwich.

- Display the Quote Sandwich graphic on a document camera or the board. Explain what is in each of the three sections of this sandwich: context (what is going on in the story at this time), quote from the scene, and explanation (how the quote shows persistence).

- Display your quote with the page number. Have students turn to that page.

- Then, using the Quote Sandwich, have them draw squares around the part of your example that represents the bread, middle, and bread of your Quote Sandwich. They should label each of the three levels of your sandwich.

- Have them turn to a partner and explain why they drew the boxes where they did.

- Discuss the following example:

  * [Salva’s persistence is one factor in how he survives in a difficult environment. One place in the text where we see this is when Salva is crossing the desert with a group of refugees. This is a long, difficult crossing that will take at least three days. On the first day, Salva’s only pair of shoes falls apart. He has to decide how to cope with this.] TOP PIECE OF BREAD

  * [The author writes, “After only a few minutes, Salva had to kick off the flapping shreds and continue barefoot.” (52)] SANDWICH FILLING

  * [Salva’s taking off his shoes shows real persistence. Instead of just giving up, he decides to go barefoot to continue his hike across the desert. Because of his persistence, Salva is able to continue and to survive.] BOTTOM PIECE OF BREAD

#### Partner Practice (10 minutes)
- Once you have modeled the process, prompt students to turn to Chapter 11 in *A Long Walk to Water* and say:

  * “Now that you see what you need to do, please work with your Discussion Appointment by Khartoum to find a section and quote from Chapter 11, 12, or 13 that you can use to show Salva’s persistence.”

- If needed, clarify that the word *spare*, as it is used as an adjective in this context, means “lean, trim, or short.” While the class is working, circulate to be sure students are selecting a quote that shows persistence. Tell them that at this point, they
Work Time (continued)

are just talking. They will write their response on their own in a few minutes.

- After 5 minutes or so, have two or three pairs share their section and quote with the class.

**Independent Practice (10 minutes)**

- Instruct students to use the Evidence-Based Constructed Response sheet to write their answer to the question about Salva’s persistence. Remind them that they should give a quote followed by the page where it is found in the book and explain how it shows Salva’s persistence in the face of a challenge.

- Circulate to observe students as they write, noting patterns of strength or confusion. Provide additional guided practice with individuals as needed. You might ask a student to explain how the quote shows persistence or what they think persistence is and how a person might show
GRADE 7: MODULE 1: UNIT 2: LESSON 5
Practice Evidence-Based Constructed Response: Explaining One Factor That Helps Nya or Salva Survive (Chapters 11–13)

Closing and Assessment

A. Self-Assessment of Evidence-based Constructed Response (5 minutes)

- When the time is up, tell students that they have just begun to practice a type of writing they will work with a lot more in future lessons. It is fine if they didn’t finish or they felt challenged. The goal today was just to get started with this skill, and you want them to think about how that went.

- Say something like: “The writing you have been doing is a way for you to show me that you are working toward one of our learning targets: ‘I can select a quote from *A Long Walk to Water* and explain how it illustrates a factor in how Nya and/or Salva survive.’ I’d like for you to look at what you have written and be sure that it matches the learning target.”

- Give directions:

  3. Read the learning target.

  4. Reread your writing and answer these questions:

     * “Name a star: What is one thing you did well?”

     * “Name a step: What is one thing you need in your answer to meet this target?”

- Ask volunteers to respond. You should get answers like: “I need a quote” or “I need to explain how the quote shows persistence.”

- As time permits, invite students to revise their evidence-based constructed responses.

- Collect students’ writing as useful formative assessment data. (See teaching note below for details.)

- Distribute Gathering Textual Evidence graphic organizer, Chapters 11-13 and Reader’s Notes, Chapters 14 and 15.

Homework

A. Reread Chapters 11–13 and add quotes to Gathering Textual Evidence graphic organizer

B. Read Chapters 14–15 and complete Reader’s Notes (both parts) for these new chapters.

Note: Later in the unit (Lesson 10), students return to finding and writing explanations of quotes and details from the novel as they begin to work on their essays. It would be good to return these Evidence-based Constructed Response sheets as soon as possible so students can see what they may need to work on. Then either keep students’ sheets or help students file them in their folder so they can refer to these sheets later as they prepare for their essays.
Please complete this task individually. Refer to your Reader's Dictionary and the pages you read last night for homework.

1. What does *despair* mean? Why does Salva feel despair? What is the relationship between *despair* and *desperate*?

2. Why is it dangerous to be in a *stampede*?
Focus Question: How does persistence help Salva survive in a difficult environment?

Directions: Select a scene and strong quote to illustrate how persistence helps Salva survive a challenge he faces in *A Long Walk to Water*. Then write your answer to the focus question, explaining the situation that Salva is facing and how his persistence helps him.

Example:

Salva’s persistence is one factor in how he survives in a difficult environment. One place in the text where we see this is when Salva is crossing the desert with a group of refugees. This is a long, difficult crossing that will take at least three days. On the first day, Salva’s only pair of shoes falls apart. He has to decide how to cope with this. The author writes, “After only a few minutes, Salva had to kick off the flapping shreds and continue barefoot” (52). Salva’s taking off his shoes shows real persistence. Instead of just giving up, he decides to go barefoot to continue his hike across the desert. Because of his persistence, Salva is able to continue and to survive.
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*Quote – usually needs to be spare, but important*

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Grade 7: Module 1: Unit 2: Lesson 6
Comparing Historical and Fictional Accounts:
Second Sudanese Civil War (Chapters 14 and 15, Plus Rereading “Time Trip”)

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### Long-Term Targets Addressed (Based on NYSP12 ELA CCLS)

- I can use a variety of strategies to determine the meaning of unknown words or phrases. (L. 7.4)
- I can analyze the development of a theme throughout a literary text. (RL.7.2)
- I can compare and contrast a fictional and historical account of a time, place, or character. (RL.7.9.)
- I can cite several pieces of evidence to support an analysis of informational text. (RI 7.1)

### Supporting Learning Targets

- I can use context clues to determine word meanings.
- I can compare the accounts of survival in “Time Trip: Sudan’s Civil War” and *A Long Walk to Water*.
- I can cite several pieces of text-based evidence to support my comparison of “Time Trip: Sudan’s Civil War” and the novel *A Long Walk to Water*.

### Ongoing Assessment

- Reader’s Notes from Chapters 14-15 (from homework)
- Gathering Textual Evidence graphic organizer for Chapters 11-13 (from homework)
- Exit Ticket

### Agenda

1. **Opening**
   - A. Vocabulary Entry Task (5 minutes)
   - B. Reviewing Reader’s Dictionary and Introducing Learning Targets (5 minutes)

2. **Work Time**
   - A. Reviewing Chapters 14 and 15: Adding to Our Anchor Charts (10 minutes)
   - B. Rereading “Time Trip: Sudan’s Civil War” (10 minutes)
   - C. Comparing Historical Accounts in “Time Trip: Sudan’s Civil War” and *A Long Walk to Water* (10 minutes)

### Teaching Notes

- This lesson builds on Unit 1, Lesson 6, in which students did an initial read of the informational text “Time Trip: Sudan’s Civil War.” In that lesson, they made connections between the article and Salva’s experience in *A Long Walk to Water*. Now, in Lessons 6 and 7 of Unit 2, students return to this text to compare it with the experiences of Salva in *A Long Walk to Water* in much more detail now that they are further into the novel.

- The central purpose of these two lessons aligns directly with RL.7.9. Reread this standard to ground yourself. Students analyze the author’s choice to use history in a fictional narrative. The standard mentions “understanding how authors of fiction use or alter history.” In these lessons, that standard is addressed as the class considers how an author can add to or elaborate on historical accounts to suit the purpose of the novel.

- This lesson is students’ first explicit work with this standard and provides critical scaffolding leading up to their Mid-Unit 2 Assessment (in Lesson 9). Preview Lesson 9 in advance to have a clear picture of
### Agenda (continued)

3. **Closing and Assessment**
   
   A. **Exit Ticket:** Challenges to Survival in the “Time Trip” and the Novel (5 minutes)

4. **Homework:** *Note: this homework is due at the start of Lesson 8.*

   A. **Reread** Chapters 14 and 15 and add two quotes to your Gathering Textual Evidence graphic organizer.

   B. Read Chapters 16–18 and complete the Reader’s Notes (both parts) for these chapters.

   C. **Reread** Chapters 16 – 18 and add two quotes to your Gathering Textual Evidence graphic organizer.

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### Teaching Notes (continued)

where the class is heading for this next sequence of lessons.

- **In advance:** Review Unit 1, Lesson 6, specifically Work Time A: Reading and Annotating for Gist. Also, prepare model annotations of the article “Time Trip: Sudan’s Civil War” that reflect the same type of annotations that students did in Unit 1, Lesson 6. Be sure the annotations show the gist of each paragraph. Be sure the gist shows annotations of each paragraph.

- Students will need their annotated copy of this article from Unit 1. Prepare new texts in case some students don’t have it so all of them can dig in to the reading. If students don’t have a place to keep their work, this lesson will also work well if all of them are given prepared copies of the text.

- **Post:** learning targets, entry task.
Lesson Vocabulary | Materials
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infer, context clues, juxtaposition; isolated (84), orphaned (84), refugee (throughout), aid worker, abruptly (94), braced, frigid (95) | • *A Long Walk to Water* (book; one per student)
• Vocabulary Entry Task (one per student)
• Reader’s Notes, Chapters 16–18 (one per student)
• Gathering Textual Evidence graphic organizer, Chapters 14–15 (one per student)
• Gathering Textual Evidence graphic organizer, Chapters 16–18 (one per student)
• Salva/Nya anchor chart (begun in Lesson 2)
• Survival anchor chart (begun in Lesson 1)
• Survival anchor chart (student’s notes) (begun in Lesson 1; one per student)
• Discussion Appointments in Salva’s Africa (from Lesson 1, one per student)
• “Time Trip: Sudan’s Civil War” (from Unit 1, Lesson 6; one per student and one to display).
• Document camera
• Exit ticket (one per student)
• Reading Closely: Guiding Questions (from Lesson 2; one per student)
Opening

A. Vocabulary Entry Task (5 minutes)
- Distribute Vocabulary Entry Task as students enter:
  “Kakuma had been a dreadful place, isolated in the middle of a dry, windy desert.” (84)
  * “What does the word isolated mean? Underline the parts of the excerpt that could help you figure this out.”
  * “What does aid worker mean? What did you find on pages 85 and 86 that helped you figure it out?”
- Remind students that the entry task should be done individually. Assure them that they will get better at thinking about words in context both by grappling alone (the entry task) and by talking over their thinking (during the discussion of the entry task).
- As students do the entry task, check their homework: Reader’s Notes for Chapters 14 and 15.
- Provide specific positive feedback for meeting the expectation of individual work during the entry task and following your routine for having their homework checked.
- Ask a student to offer a definition of isolated. Listen for an answer similar to: “far away from other places or buildings; remote.” Point out that the word isolated has the root sol in the middle. Ask:
  * “What do you think sol means?”
- If they are having difficulty, prompt the students with other “sol” words, such as “solo,” “sole,” or “solitary.” If students don’t come to “alone” as the root’s definition, provide it for them.

B. Reviewing Reader’s Dictionary and Introducing Learning Targets (5 minutes)
- Post definitions of other words from Chapters 14 and 15 and ask students to review their Reader’s Dictionaries in their Reader’s Notes and correct their own work as necessary. Remind them that this skill will improve with practice. Reassure them that it is OK if they are not getting them all right. Be clear that there are two purposes for focusing on vocabulary work. It will help them build knowledge related to the theme of survival, which is their focus as they read this novel, and it will help them practice the more general skill of figuring words out, which will make them better readers of any text.
- Distribute Reader’s Notes for Chapters 16-18, Gathering Textual Evidence graphic organizer, Chapters 14-15, and Gathering Textual Evidence graphic organizer, Chapters 16-18.
- Share the learning targets:
  * “I can use context clues to determine word meanings.”
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<td>• Ask students to get out the Reading Closely: Guiding Questions handout and look in particular at Section II. Invite students to choose one of today’s learning targets and ask: “What phrases do you see on this handout that relate to the learning target? When you find one, put your finger on it.”</td>
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<td>• When most students have their finger on one, ask a few students to share out. Listen for students to say: “What information or ideas does the text present?” or “What do I learn about the topic as I read?” or “How do the ideas relate to what I already know?”</td>
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<td>• Ask all students to star a statement that relates to this learning target. Remind students that they have been working on the first learning target consistently.</td>
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<td>• Remind them that they worked on the second learning target in Unit 1 (Lesson 6), when they read a short informational text about the “Lost Boys of Sudan.” Tell them that they will revisit that text today to learn more; it will be interesting to see how much more they understand now that they are much further into the novel.</td>
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A. Reviewing Chapters 14 and 15: Adding to Our Anchor Charts (10 minutes)

- Be sure students have their text *A Long Walk to Water*.
- Invite students to turn their attention to their Reader’s Notes from Chapters 14 and 15.
- Ask one pair of students to add to the **Salva/Nya anchor chart** using their notes from Chapters 14 and 15.
- While one pair is adding to the anchor chart, tell the other pairs to use their gist notes to add to the **Survival anchor chart**.
- Invite the pair who added to the Salva/Nya anchor chart to share what they added. Ask students to compare their own gist notes to the anchor chart. Ask:
  - “Does anyone want to add or clarify anything that was added to the anchor chart?”
- If so, make changes to anchor chart. Be sure that students have added something like this to the Salva/Nya anchor chart:
  - “Water came out of the borehole in Nya’s village.”
  - “Salva left Kakuma refugee camp and walked to Ifo refugee camp.”
  - “Salva met an aid worker named Michael who taught him how to read English.”
  - “Salva is chosen to go to America.”
  - “Salva flew to New York and met his new family.”
- Next, cold call on pairs to add to the Survival anchor chart. With each factor, ask:
  - “What happened in the text that makes you say that?”
- Push students to use evidence from the text to support their answer. Remind students to update the Survival anchor chart (Student’s Notes).
- Tell student that in a moment, they will meet with their partners at the White Nile discussion appointment (as listed on their copy of *Discussion Appointments in Salva’s Africa*). Before they transition, tell them they will focus their discussion on the juxtaposition of Salva and Nya in Chapters 14 and 15. Remind them that in each chapter, author Linda Sue Park provides a juxtaposition of Salva and Nya. Since Unit 2, Lesson 2, the students have kept track of juxtaposition using the Salva/Nya chart.
- Post these questions for students to discuss:
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(Chapters 14 and 15, Plus Rereading “Time Trip”)

**Work Time (continued)**

* “Looking at the Salva/Nya chart, in what ways are they juxtaposed?

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<td>• Ask students to take their copies of A Long Walk to Water and their Reader’s Notes to their discussion appointment and begin. As students work, circulate to listen in. Do not give answers; rather, probe and prompt students back to the text. Use this conferring time as an opportunity to gather critical informal assessment data about how well the class understands the concept of juxtaposition.</td>
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<td>• Ask students to get out the article “Time Trip: Sudan’s Civil War” (from Unit 1, Lesson 6).</td>
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<td>• Point out that, as a class, they have been thinking about the challenges Salva and Nya face to survive in the novel. Set purpose with brief direct instruction: Tell students that Linda Sue Park had to do a lot of research about the Sudanese civil war in order to write A Long Walk to Water. Once she knew the history well, she could decide what to include in the novel and why, and what else she might want to make up from her imagination. Let students know that in this lesson, they will begin to analyze the historical information Park used in the novel and how her choices emphasize the theme of survival in the book. To do that, the class will revisit the text “Time Trip: Sudan’s Civil War” to gather historical information to compare to A Long Walk to Water.</td>
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<td>• Ask students to take 5 minutes to reread “Time Trip: Sudan’s Civil War” for a specific purpose: As they read, they should underline any details that help them answer this question:</td>
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<td>• While students read and underline, circulate to see what details students are focusing on in the text. Clarify the task as needed and provide additional modeling or guided practice to individual students if needed.</td>
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<td>• After about 5 minutes, pause students and refocus them whole group. Cold call on several of them to share something they underlined in the article. Encourage them to be specific, directing their classmates to the paragraph and sentence where they found these details. Consider displaying your own text on a document camera and modeling underlining the key details students share, so all students can follow along.</td>
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- Listen for details like:
  * “Apart from an 11-year peace from 1972 to 1983, Sudan has been entrenched in war since it became an independent nation in 1956.”
  * “They went days without food or water, eating leaves and berries and sucking liquid from mud to stay alive.”
  * “The boys had to cross the crocodile-infested River Gilo.”
  If students give an answer that is unclear, push them to explain further. Clarify if necessary.

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### C. Comparing Historical Accounts in “Time Trip: Sudan’s Civil War” and A Long Walk to Water (5 minutes)

- Refocus students on the Survival anchor chart. Ask them to take 5 minutes to work with their seat partners to make a list in their notebooks of challenges to survival or means of survival that are mentioned in both the article and the novel.
- After a few minutes, refocus the class. Cold call a few students to share something their partner said. Add these to the Survival anchor chart. Invite students to look at the learning target:
  * “I can compare the accounts of survival in “Time Trip: Sudan’s Civil War’ and A Long Walk to Water.”
- Let them know that they compared, or looked for similarities in, a fictional and a historical account of the Second Sudanese Civil War. In the next lesson, they will focus on finding differences instead.
# Closing and Assessment

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<td>• Give students 2 to 3 minutes to write their exit ticket. Tell them that they will continue comparing ‘A Long Walk to Water’ and ‘Time Trip: Sudan’s Civil War’ tomorrow, thinking even more about what Linda Sue Park chose to include in her novel, what she added or changed, and why.</td>
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# Homework

**Meeting Students’ Needs**

| A. **Reread** Chapters 14 and 15 and add two quotes to your Gathering Textual Evidence graphic organizer. |
| B. Read Chapters 16–18 and complete the Reader’s Notes (both parts) for these chapters. |
| C. **Reread** Chapters 16 – 18 and add two quotes to your Gathering Textual Evidence graphic organizer. (Due at Lesson 8) |
Please complete this task individually. Please refer to the pages you read last night for homework and to your Reader’s Dictionary.

“Kakuma had been a dreadful place, isolated in the middle of a dry, windy desert.” (84)

1. What does the word isolated mean? Underline the parts of the excerpt that could help you figure this out.

2. What does aid worker mean? What did you find on pages 85 and 86 that helped you figure it out?
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Learning Target: I can compare the accounts of survival in “Time Trip: Sudan’s Civil War” and
A Long Walk to Water.

1. Independently, write a paragraph response to the question below. Cite evidence from the article “Time Trip:
Sudan’s Civil War” to support your thinking.

What challenges to survival are mentioned in both “Time Trip: Sudan’s Civil War” and A Long Walk to Water?
Grade 7: Module 1: Unit 2: Lesson 7
Considering Author’s Purpose:
Comparing Fictional and Historical Experiences of the Second Sudanese Civil War (Chapters 14 and 15, Plus Rereading “Time Trip,” Continued)
Considering Author’s Purpose: Comparing Fictional and Historical Experiences of the Second Sudanese Civil War (Chapters 14 and 15, Plus Rereading “Time Trip,” Continued)

Long-Term Targets Addressed (Based on NYSP12 ELA CCLS)

I can cite several pieces of evidence to support an analysis of informational text. (RI 7.1)
I can analyze the development of a theme throughout a literary text. (RL.7.2)
I can compare and contrast a fictional and historical account of a time, place, or character. (RL.7.9.)
I can analyze how authors of fiction use or alter history based on my comparison of a fictional and historical account of the same time, place, or character. (RL.7.9)

Supporting Learning Targets

- I can cite several pieces of text-based evidence from “Time Trip: Sudan’s Civil War” to support my analysis of the experience of people in South Sudan.
- I can compare and contrast the accounts of survival in “Time Trip: Sudan’s Civil War” and *A Long Walk to Water*.
- I can analyze how Linda Sue Park used or altered history in *A Long Walk to Water*.

Ongoing Assessment

- Two-column chart from Work Time
- Exit ticket

Agenda

1. Opening
   A. Entry Task and Review Learning Targets (5 minutes)

2. Work Time
   A. Gathering Evidence to Compare Two Texts (10 minutes)
   B. Chalk Talk Protocol (10 minutes)
   C. Debrief Chalk Talk (10 minutes)

3. Closing and Assessment
   A. Exit Ticket: Why Did Linda Sue Park Use Details

Teaching Notes

- This lesson is designed to address RL.7.9, which is a fairly sophisticated standard. Students compare and contrast historical accounts and fictional accounts of historical events. The goal is that through this analysis, they will better understand both the history and the fiction, including how and why authors of fiction choose to alter history in order to communicate a theme to readers (RL.7.2). This lesson focuses on both comparing and contrasting, building upon the foundation of comparing in the previous lesson.
- As in the previous lesson, the use of the word “alter” in the learning target refers to Park adding to or elaborating on historical facts.
- Review: Chalk Talk protocol (Appendix 1).
- The quotes for Chalk Talk were chosen for their insight into the author’s intentions. These quotes should help students think about why Linda Sue Park wrote the novel, and the choices she made as an author of fiction. The quotes include several from Park and Salva Dut. The other two quotes, from the novel itself, were chosen because they reflect ideas that are not evident in “Time Trip: Sudan’s Civil War.”
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<td>- It is important to take a few minutes to set the expectations for Chalk Talk if the students are not familiar with this protocol. Emphasize that silence helps support everyone’s thinking and learning during this protocol. Also, remind them that, as in spoken discussions, questions and comments need to be written respectfully and students need to stay on task.</td>
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### Homework: Note: This homework was assigned in Lesson 6 and is due at Lesson 8.

A. **Reread** Chapters 14 and 15 and add two quotes to your Gathering Textual Evidence graphic organizer.  
B. Read Chapters 16–18 and complete the Reader’s Notes (both parts) for these chapters.

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**in A Long Walk to Water That Did Not Really Happen**
Lesson Vocabulary

contrast, cite, analyze, alter (v)

Materials

• Vocabulary Entry Task (one per student)
• “Time Trip: Sudan’s Civil War” (from Unit 1, Lesson 6; one per student)
• Document camera
• Comparing Historical and Fictional Experiences in Sudan note-catcher (one per student and one for the teacher)
• A Long Walk to Water (book; one per student)
• Quotations for Chalk Talk (for Teacher Reference)
• Chart paper displayed around the room, each with a quote on it (four pieces; see Work Time B)
• Markers (one per student)
• Exit ticket (one per student)

Opening

A. Entry Task and Review Learning Targets (5 minutes)

• Post the Vocabulary Entry Task in advance:
  “Carefully read the learning target below and make inferences about the meaning of the underlined word.”
  * “I can compare and contrast the accounts of survival in ‘Time Trip: Sudan’s Civil War’ and 
    A Long Walk to Water.”
  * What does the word contrast mean? Underline the parts of the learning target that could help you figure this out.
• Remind students that the entry task is done individually. Assure them that they will get better at thinking about words in context both by grappling alone (the entry task) and by talking over their thinking (during the discussion of the entry task).
• When students are finished, call on several of them to share their thinking. Make sure they understand that contrast means to find differences between two things.
• Review the other learning targets:
  * “I can cite several pieces of text-based evidence from ‘Time Trip: Sudan’s Civil War’ to support my analysis of the
There is an experience of people in South Sudan."

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<td>• Invite the class to read the third learning target. Ask what <em>alter</em> means. Call on one or two students. If it is not clearly defined, make sure students know that in this context, <em>alter</em> is a verb that means “change.” Briefly discuss how an author can alter history when writing fiction. For her book, Park alters history by adding to it or emphasizing certain facts. Let students know that the third learning target builds on the first two and that this will prepare them for the Mid-Unit Assessment.</td>
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A. Gathering Evidence to Compare Two Texts (10 minutes)

- Set purpose for students, saying something like: “Yesterday with your partner, you compared a fictional and a historical text. Now you are going to work individually to gather evidence to support your comparisons.” Remind them that comparing usually involves focusing on similarities.

- Display the Comparing Historical and Fictional Experiences in Sudan note-catcher on the document camera or create the same two-column structure on the white board. Model how to use the two-column note-catcher to compare “Time Trip: Sudan’s Civil War” and A Long Walk to Water. For example, you could model in the following way:

  * “In the article, I noticed that it mentioned how difficult it was to survive while trying to escape to Ethiopia. I know that is similar to Salva’s experience. So, on the left side of my notes, I will write the quote from the article that says, ‘They went days without food or water, eating leaves and berries and sucking liquid from mud to stay alive.’” As you are speaking, write the quote.

  * Then say: “Next to that, in the right-hand column, I will write, ‘In Chapter 9, Salva was walking through the desert and didn’t have enough water,’” and write that in the right-hand column.

- After modeling, invite students to think of more similarities and add them to their own note-catchers. Give them about 5 minutes. When they have done that, ask students to share what they added with their seat partner. While students are sharing, circulate and check that pairs are collecting relevant quotes. Clarify any questions or confusion students have.

- Once the students have finished sharing, refocus the class. Ask for a few pairs to share something they added to their charts. Add to the chart on the document camera or white board.

B. Chalk Talk (10 minutes)

- Tell students that now that they have looked for similarities between “Time Trip: Sudan’s Civil War” and A Long Walk to Water, they will think about the choices that Linda Sue Park made when she wrote the book. Explain that A Long Walk to Water is historical fiction. It is based on real events, but it is not all literally true. For instance, although Salva is a real person, Nya is not. Salva’s experiences in the book are based on his experiences in real life. Nya’s experiences in the book are based on real events, but she is a fictional character.

- Point out the quotations for Chalk Talk on chart paper around the room. Tell students that each chart has a quote from the book. The quotes from Chapters 10 and 14 are from Salva’s story, and the other two quotes are from “A Message from Salva Dut” and the Author’s Note at the end of the book.

**Meeting Students’ Needs**

- Chalk Talk supports ELLs and SPED students because it allows them more time to consider comments and formulate their thoughts than they would have in a spoken discussion.
### Work Time

- Tell the students that this activity will help them with the third learning target: “I can analyze how Linda Sue Park used or altered history in *A Long Walk to Water.*” Keep in mind the similarities that you found between the novel and “Time Trip: Sudan’s Civil War.”
- Review the Chalk Talk protocol for the students. Set expectations that this activity is done silently, so that everyone has an opportunity to read, reflect, and respond. Distribute markers and let students engage. As students are reading and writing on the chart paper, walk around. Feel free to add questions or comments to push the students to think more deeply.

### Meeting Students’ Needs

- To support ELLs, write instructions and questions on the board as often as possible. Having a visual helps students understand better.

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<td>Look over the chart paper and talk about what you notice. It could be something like: “I noticed that many of you had questions about why Linda Sue Park included Salva learning to read,” or “There was a lot of disagreement about the quote from Chapter 10.” Take this opportunity to skim the charts and notice where students seemed to understand well or not.</td>
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<td>Ask students to turn to their partner and discuss some of the choices that Park made when writing <em>A Long Walk to Water.</em></td>
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<td>To help guide student discussions, pose questions about author intention, such as:</td>
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<td>* “If you wanted to best understand what happened in Sudan and how it affected people, would you read the novel or the article?”</td>
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<td>After giving students time to discuss with their partner, cold call on pairs to share their thoughts. Listen for students to make distinctions like: “If you want the historical facts, it would be better to read an article. However, if you want to understand people’s emotional experiences, it might be better to read the novel” or “Since Park knows Salva, she cares about this topic, so she wanted people to understand the history as well as Salva’s experience.”</td>
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Closing and Assessment

A. Exit Ticket: Why Did Linda Sue Park Use Details in *A Long Walk to Water* That Did Not Really Happen? (10 minutes)
   - Tell students that now that they have had a chance to think and talk about this idea of authors altering history, they get to write their own ideas about where and why Linda Sue Park might have done this. Continue to reinforce for students that authors make deliberate decisions when writing. These decisions are designed to affect the reader or help the author get across some sort of message.
   - Distribute the exit ticket and ask students to respond in writing.
   * “What is one example of the way Linda Sue Park altered history in *A Long Walk to Water*? Why might she make the choice to alter history in *A Long Walk to Water*?”

Meeting Students’ Needs

- ELL language acquisition is facilitated by interacting with native speakers of English who provide models of language.
- Sharing with a partner helps students develop confidence before sharing with the whole class.

Homework

Note: *This homework was assigned in Lesson 6 and is due in Lesson 8.*

A. **Reread** Chapters 14 and 15 and add two quotes to your Gathering Textual Evidence graphic organizer.
B. **Read** Chapters 16–18 and complete the Reader’s Notes (both parts) for these chapters.
C. **Reread** Chapters 16 – 18 and add two quotes to your Gathering Textual Evidence graphic organizer.

Meeting Students’ Needs

- ELL language acquisition is facilitated by interacting with native speakers of English who provide models of language.
- Sharing with a partner helps students develop confidence before sharing with the whole class.
Please complete this task individually. Please refer to the pages you read last night for homework and to your Reader’s Dictionary.

“I can compare and contrast the accounts of survival in “Time Trip: Sudan’s Civil War” and
A Long Walk to Water.”

1. What does the word contrast mean? Underline the parts of the learning target that could help you figure this out.
## Comparing Historical and Fictional Experiences in Sudan

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<td>• “The boys who continued found shelter at a refugee camp in Ethiopia, but their safety was short-lived.”</td>
<td>• Salva walked to Ethiopia to the Itang refugee camp in Chapter 11.</td>
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<td>• “The boys had to cross the crocodile-infested River Gilo. Thousands drowned, were eaten by crocodiles, or were shot.”</td>
<td>• On page 79, after Salva was forced to swim across the River Gilo, “he would learn that a least a thousand people had died trying to cross the river that day, drowned or shot or attacked by crocodiles.”</td>
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<td>• “The boys arrived at a refugee camp in Kenya in 1992.”</td>
<td>• In Chapter 14, a heading reads “Ifo Refugee Camp, Kenya, 1992–96,” and Salva “had been living in refugee camps in northern Kenya.”</td>
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<td>“About 4,000 of the Lost Boys were brought by the U.S. government to cities in the United States to begin new lives.”</td>
<td>• Salva is chosen to go to America to live with a new family in Chapter 14.</td>
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Teacher Directions: Write each of the quotes at the top of a piece of chart paper, leaving plenty of room for students to write comments and questions about each. If your class is large, consider writing the same quote on two different charts, so you have eight charts total.

“I hope that because of this book more people will learn about the Lost Boys and the Country of Sudan.” —Salva Dut, “A Message From Salva Dut” (116)

“Some of the details in this story have been fictionalized, but the major events depicted are based on Salva’s own experiences.” —Linda Sue Park, Author’s Note (118)

“There will be many other people in the camp. You will become friends with some of them—you will make a kind of family there.” —Uncle, in Chapter 10 (60)

“The whole rest of the day, Salva went around saying 'A, B, C,' mostly to himself but sometimes aloud, in a quiet voice.” —Chapter 14 (86)
Learning Target: I can analyze how Linda Sue Park used or altered history in *A Long Walk to Water*. Independently, write a response to the questions below.

1. What is one example of the way Linda Sue Park altered history in *A Long Walk to Water*?

2. Why might Linda Sue Park make the choice to alter history in *A Long Walk to Water*?
Grade 7: Module 1: Unit 2: Lesson 8
World Café to Analyze Theme and Character in A Long Walk to Water (Chapters 16–18)
Long-Term Targets Addressed (Based on NYSP12 ELA CCLS)

| I can effectively engage in discussions with diverse partners about seventh-grade topics, texts, and issues. (SL 7.1) | I can use a variety of strategies to determine the meaning of unknown words or phrases. (L.7.4) | I can analyze the development of a theme throughout a literary text. (RL.7.2) | I can analyze how an author develops and contrasts the points of view of characters and narrators in a literary text. (RL.7.6) |

Supporting Learning Targets

1. I can effectively engage in discussions with my classmates about our reading.
2. I can explain how comparing and contrasting Salva’s and Nya’s points of view in the second part of the novel helps Park convey ideas about how people in Sudan survive.
3. I can explain the physical and emotional factors that helped Nya and Salva to survive in *A Long Walk to Water*.

Ongoing Assessment

- Reader’s Notes from Chapters 16-18 (from Lesson 6 homework)
- Gathering Textual Evidence graphic organizer for Chapters 14-18 (from Lesson 6 homework)
- World Café charts

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<td>B. Reviewing Reader's Dictionary and Adding to Salva/Nya Anchor Chart (5 minutes)</td>
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<td>• Decide if you would like to collect the Reader’s Notes and Gathering Textual Evidence graphic organizer for the whole novel in order to assess students’ work. If so, plan to do so in this lesson. Students may want to refer to their Reader’s Notes in Lesson 9, and they will need to use both documents daily in class beginning in Lesson 10.</td>
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<td>• Go to <a href="http://www.waterforsouthsudan.org">www.waterforsouthsudan.org</a> and explore the website. You will share this with students in preparation for their homework assignment. This lesson suggests a particular video, but you may find that another video or section of the website more precisely matches your students’ needs or interests.</td>
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<td>• Prepare necessary technology to show the video.</td>
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<td>• Post: learning targets, entry task, Salva/Nya anchor chart, Survival anchor chart.</td>
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<td>• Before teaching this lesson, review the Unit 3 mid-unit assessment. In your conversation with students, try to avoid specific discussion of those examples of juxtaposition. (Both are from chapters 17 and 18: Salva’s step by step work to start his organization juxtaposed with Nya’s village’s step by step change because of the well; Nya’s joy in going to school juxtaposed with Salva’s joy in finding his father.)</td>
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### Lesson Vocabulary

| compare, contrast, point of view, juxtaposition; bewildering (98), destruction (99), aid organization (100), relief agency (100), remote (100), clinic (100), contaminated (106) |

### Materials

- Vocabulary Entry Task (one per student)
- Salva/Nya anchor chart (begun in Lesson 2)
- Survival anchor chart (begun in Lesson 1)
- Survival anchor chart (Student’s Notes; begun in Lesson 1)
- World Café materials/setup:
  1. World Café protocol directions (one for document projector or charted on board)
  2. Classroom divided into three sections, with each having enough room for one-third of the class to sit at tables in small groups of three (triads)
  3. Table card prompts (with tables in each section having the same question and each section having a different question)
  4. One recording chart for each triad
  5. A marker for each triad
- Computer and means of displaying the screen
- Water for South Sudan homework assignment (one per student)

### Opening

**A. Vocabulary Entry Task (5 minutes)**

- Post the Vocabulary Entry Task in advance:
  * “What do aid organizations and relief agencies do?” (page 100)
  * “Why might they be involved in South Sudan?”

- While students work, check their homework (Reader’s Notes for Chapters 16–18 and Gathering Textual Evidence graphic organizer for Chapters 14–18).

- When students are finished, cold call several of them to share their thinking.

- Congratulate the class on finishing the novel. Tell them that today they will have the chance to talk with many of their classmates about what happened in the last part of the book, and that you are looking forward to hearing their thinking.
### Opening

- Help students reflect on their progress on standard L.7.4: “I can use a variety of strategies to determine the meaning of unknown words or phrases.”
- Ask students to turn and talk:
  * “How has your ability to determine the meaning of words you encounter when you’re reading improved in the past several weeks?”
  * “What is one thing you can do now in terms of figuring out the meaning of unknown words that you could not do a few weeks ago?”
- Ask several students to share their growth. Celebrate class progress with this skill and point out that their willingness to both think hard on their own and to tackle these questions collaboratively is making them stronger readers. Ask students to consider another class or time that they might use this skill. Call on several to share.

### B. Reviewing Reader’s Dictionary and Adding to Salva/Nya Anchor Chart (5 minutes)

- Post definitions from Chapters 16–18 and ask students to review their dictionaries and correct as necessary.
- Select one pair of students to use their Reader’s Notes to add to the Salva/Nya anchor chart. Other pairs use their Reader’s Notes to find ideas to add to the Survival anchor chart. Cold call pairs of students to add to the Survival anchor chart without elaboration. Direct students to use the Salva/Nya anchor chart to make sure their Reader’s Notes are accurate and complete. Prompt students to update their Survival anchor chart (Student’s Notes).
- Ask students:
  * “How did keeping this dictionary help you learn about Salva and Nya? About the world? About the theme of survival?”
- As time permits, invite a few volunteers to share out. Emphasize that building one’s vocabulary is a powerful way to learn more about the world and enables students to apply this learning in their own writing, which they will do later in the unit.

- Developing self-assessment and reflection supports all learners, but research shows it helps struggling learners most.
A. World Café (25 minutes)

- Ask students to raise their hand in response to this question:
  * Who was surprised by the book’s ending?”
- Do not explain that Salva and Nya meet at the end of the book—leave that for students to articulate in the World Café protocol. Tell students that today they will have the chance to talk about the end of the book.
- Remind students that they are becoming stronger readers both through the reading and thinking they are doing on their own, as well as through their conversations with each other. In Unit 1, they used the World Café protocol to talk about the first part of the book. Today they will use the same protocol to deepen their understanding of the two characters’ points of view and the theme of survival.
- Direct students’ attention to the learning target:
  * “I can effectively engage in discussions with my classmates about our reading.”
- Ask:
  * “What can you do to make sure your conversations help everyone think more deeply about the book? When you have thought of two things, raise your hand.”
- Wait until most of the class has a hand up, and then call on several students to share their thinking.
- Note: Directions for the World Café protocol follow. They are almost identical to the directions in Unit 1, Lesson 9, except that teachers offer specific praise for strong discussions (instead of smooth transitions).
- In case you don’t need to read the whole protocol again, the questions are listed here. When teaching this lesson, first review the protocol with students and then share the discussion questions.
- Below are the three main questions, and related probing questions, for the World Café (see also supporting materials).
  1. What do we learn about Salva as a leader in Chapter 13?
     (Who is he leading as a boy? As an adult?)
     (What makes him an effective leader?)
  2. How does the author juxtapose Salva and Nya in the final chapters of the novel?
     (How has Salva’s point of view about the Nuer changed?)
     (How has Nya’s point of view about the Dinka changed?)
     (What does this help us understand about what might help people survive in Sudan?)

Meeting Students’ Needs

- Use of protocols (like World Café) allows for total participation of students. It encourages critical thinking, collaboration, and social construction of knowledge. It also helps students practice their speaking and listening skills.
- The World Café protocol can be difficult to explain through written instructions and visual cues. Students benefit from guided prompts along the way, in particular providing kinesthetic cues to orient them to the steps of the World Café.
- This discussion protocol intentionally moves at a fast pace. This is because students will be rotating through a series of three questions, so classmates are often just reiterating the ideas that others have recorded in a previous round.
- Because students will be interrupted in the midst of the World Café protocol, it’s important to remind them of an agreed-upon signal that you will use to respectfully get their attention. If such a signal is not already in use in the classroom, consider using a combination of a visual and auditory signal, such as a
### Work Time (continued)

3. What are the physical and emotional resources that enable Salva and Nya to survive?  
   (What do you think the author’s opinion is about which type of resource is more important for survival? What makes you say that?)  
   (What is your opinion about which type of resource is more important for survival? Why?)

Directions for the World Café follow.

- Arrange students into triads, with each triad sitting at a table with materials for the World Café: recording chart, a marker, and one table card prompt (see Materials at the end of this lesson).
- Display the World Café protocol directions on the document camera or on a chart. Briefly review the protocol directions.
- Remind students that they have done this protocol once before, in Unit 1. Remind them that it will feel fast-paced at first, because it’s designed to give every student a chance to think for a little bit about each question. Caution students that you will interrupt their conversations, but they’ll have a chance to keep working with their ideas at the end of the activity. Review the simple signal you will use to indicate when each round is done (e.g., raising hands, clapping).

### Round I:

- Ask each triad to choose a student to be the “Recorder” for the first round. The Recorder will write down ideas from the group’s conversation on the recording chart at the table. Ask all groups to have their Recorder raise his or her hand.
- Remind students to use their Reader’s Notes, Gathering Textual Evidence graphic organizers, and the novel to support their discussions. Remind them of the goals they set in the opening part of class about conversations that deepen everyone’s understanding of the book.
- Focus students on the question on their table card prompts. Ask them to read the question aloud and then discuss that question. Ask the Recorder to take notes on the table’s recording chart. Remind Recorders to make their letters about 1 inch in height so that their writing will be visible when posted at the end of the activity.
- After 3 minutes, use the signal to get students’ attention. Explain the transition that they will do momentarily:
  1. The Recorders will stay seated at the table where they have been working.
  2. The other pair of students in each triad will stand and rotate together to the table in the next section with different table card prompts.

### Meeting Students’ Needs

- Because the students are working with three different table prompts in this World Café and the students acting as Recorders in the first round will remain seated for the transition to the second round, it is necessary to hold four rounds. This ensures that all students have had time to discuss all three posted table card prompts. Often, students will increase efficiency in their discussions as the World Café progresses. This is a great time to circulate and prompt them to look at specific areas in their notes or the text to add to their discussion.
- Keep the final World Café charts from each group, as students may want to refer to them in the assessments for Units 2 and 3.
Work Time (continued)

- Signal students to transition quickly and quietly.

**Round II:**
- Give specific positive praise for strong discussions—e.g., text-based, focused on the question, building on each other’s ideas, asking each other questions.
- Be sure that the Round I Recorder has remained at his/her original table. Tell the class the following three steps, then prompt them to begin:
  1. The Round I Recorder summarizes the conversation that happened at that table during Round I.
  2. Choose a new Round II Recorder from the new students at the table.
  3. The new group reads the question on their table card prompt, then begins a discussion about that question.
- Remind students to use their Reader’s Notes, Gathering Evidence graphic organizers, and the novel to support their discussions. Prompt the Round II Recorder to take notes on the table’s recording chart. Remind Recorders to make their letters about 1 inch in height so that their writing will be visible when posted at the end of the activity.
- After 3 minutes, use the signal to get students’ attention. Remind them of the transition:
  4. Round II Recorders will stay seated at the table where they have been working.
  5. The other pair of students in each triad will stand and rotate together to the table in the next section with different table card prompts.
- Signal the transition to Round III.

**Round III:**
- Repeat the process from Round II.
- Be sure that the Round II Recorder has remained at his/her Round II table. Review the three steps, then prompt them to begin:
  1. The Round II Recorder summarizes the conversation that happened at that table during Round I.
  2. Choose a new Round III Recorder from the new students at the table.
  3. The new group reads the question on their table card prompt, then begins a discussion about that question.
- Remind them to use their Reader’s Notes, Gathering Evidence graphic organizers, and the novel to support their discussions. Prompt the new Recorder to take notes on the table’s recording chart. Remind Recorders to make their letters about 1 inch in height so that their writing will be visible when posted at the end of the activity.
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<td>• Tell students that tonight for homework, they will read a few pages from this website, which will be the basis of an assessment the following day. They are welcome to dig around on the website at home in addition to doing their homework. It features many videos and stories that relate to the novel that they might find interesting.</td>
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<td>• Show students a short video (this one focuses on the actual process of drilling for water): <a href="http://waterforsudan.org/drilling-in-south-sudan/">http://waterforsudan.org/drilling-in-south-sudan/</a></td>
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Grade 7: Module 1: Unit 2: Lesson 8
Supporting Materials
Please complete this task individually. Please refer to the pages you read last night for homework and to your Reader’s Dictionary.

1. What do aid organizations and relief agencies do?” (page 100)

2. “Why might these types of organizations be involved in the South Sudan?”
What do we learn about Salva as a leader in chapter 13?
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### Vocabulary to Preview

- **Borehole**: a deep hole drilled in the ground
- **Remote**: far away from where other people live
- **Initiative**: the ability to make decisions and take action on your own

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<td>Water for South Sudan, Inc., based in Rochester, New York, USA, is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) corporation founded in 2003. . . .</td>
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<td>Our mission is simple: drill borehole wells which bring safe drinking water to the people in South Sudan’s remote villages, transforming lives in the process. This mission is inspired and led by our founder, former “Lost Boy” Salva Dut. . . .</td>
<td>Rewrite the underlined sentence in your own words, making sure to not use the words mission or transform.</td>
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<td>Water for South Sudan, Inc., follows this basic principle: the ethical and moral way to create lasting change is to respect and empower people’s capacity to transform their own lives. We are committed to creating hope and building initiative alongside the people we serve. . . .</td>
<td>What is a principle?</td>
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How does Water for Sudan connect to the novel *A Long Walk to Water*?

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## Vocabulary to Preview

**Borehole**: a deep hole drilled in the ground  
**Equity**: an investment you make in a business or idea  
(Note: In other contexts, this word can mean “equality” or “justice.”)  
**War-ravaged**: damaged by war

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Grade 7: Module 1: Unit 2: Lesson 9
Mid-Unit 2 Assessment:
Comparing Fictional and Historical Texts
### Long-Term Targets Addressed (Based on NYSP12 ELA CCLS)

I can cite several pieces of evidence to support an analysis of informational text. (RI.7.1)
I can cite several pieces of text-based evidence to support an analysis of informational text. (RL.7.1)
I can analyze how authors of fiction use or alter history based on my comparison of a fictional and historical account of the same time, place, or character. (RL.7.9)

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   - A. Vocabulary Entry Task (5 minutes)
2. **Work Time**
   - A. Discussing Water for South Sudan Homework Assignment: Text-Dependent Questions (15 minutes)
   - B. Mid-Unit 2 Assessment (20 minutes)
3. **Closing and Assessment**
   - A. Turn and Talk (5 minutes)
4. **Homework**
   - A. Vocabulary Review

### Teaching Notes

- This lesson gives students background information that helps them better understand Nya’s story. It includes the Mid-Unit 2 Assessment, which evaluates students’ ability to explain how and why the novel’s author both used and altered historical facts. The standard, RL 7.9, uses the language of “alter” history. It is worth noting that author Linda Sue Park seldom alters facts; rather, she more often elaborates on or imagines details about historical facts. Students practiced these skills in Lessons 6 and 7.
- Notice that students do not have a portion of the novel due today, since they completed it for Lesson 8, but the beginning routine of the class remains similar, with a review of vocabulary from the informational text they read. The review of learning targets is brief and folded into Work Time.
- By this point, students have met at least once with each discussion partner. Starting at this point, when lesson plans call for the use of the Discussion Appointment protocol, they do not indicate which Discussion Appointment to use; you will decide. It is useful to try to rotate through the Discussion Appointments to give students the opportunity to discuss their ideas with a range of classmates.
- In advance: Review the Water for South Sudan reading.
- Explore the waterforsouthsudan.org website and make sure the video loads correctly. Prepare necessary
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### Materials

- Vocabulary Entry Task (one per student)
- Discussion Appointments in Salva’s Africa (from Lesson 1)
- Document camera
- Reading Closely: Guiding Questions handout (from Lesson 2)
- Mid-Unit 2 Assessment: Comparing “Water for South Sudan” and *A Long Walk to Water* (one per student)
- Mid-Unit 2 Assessment: Comparing “Water for South Sudan” and *A Long Walk to Water* (Answers and Sample Responses for Teacher Reference)
- *A Long Walk to Water* (book; one per student)
- Vocabulary Review homework (one per student)

### Opening

#### A. Vocabulary Entry Task (5 minutes)

- Post the Vocabulary Entry Task in advance: “Take out your homework and compare the definitions you wrote in the right-hand column with the ones below, and then correct your paper as necessary.”
- **Mission**: purpose
- **Transform**: completely change
- **Empower**: give someone more control over their own life
- **Principle**: a belief about what is right or wrong
- **Renewed**: feeling strong and able to start again
- When you and your partner are finished, discuss these questions:
  - “What is an experience that has transformed you?”
  - “What is an experience that has empowered you?”
- Ask students to put their Water for South Sudan Homework Assignment out on the desk so you can check it. Do not pick it

### Meeting Students’ Needs

- This turn and talk provides students with the opportunity to connect words that are critical to the assessment to their own experiences.
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up, since they will need it during the lesson.

Work Time

A. Discussing Water for South Sudan Homework Assignment: Text-Dependent Questions (15 minutes)

- Direct students' attention to the learning target:
  * “I can explain how the author of *A Long Walk to Water* both used and altered history (based on my comparison of the novel and Water for South Sudan’s website).”

- Remind them that they have practiced this skill before (with Salva’s story and the article about Sudan) and tell them that after they have a chance to talk about the reading they did for homework, they will have an assessment of this skill, using the reading they did the previous evening.

- Tell students that they will have the opportunity to discuss the Water for South Sudan Homework Assignment with a classmate. They should review their homework and make sure that they both understand the answers to all the questions.

- Remind students of their work with the *Reading Closely: Guiding Questions handout*. Remind them that this document helps connect all of the different skills strong readers use, and tell them that readers use these skills both with novels, which they have been doing, and with informational text, which is what they are discussing today. Encourage them to use the same close reading skills when discussing this text that you have seen them use in discussing the novel.

- Remind students of the expectations for the Discussion Appointment protocol and direct them to find their Discussion Appointment (you select which appointment: Juba, Kenya, Ethiopia, Khartoum, White Nile).

- After students have worked for 10 minutes, cold call several to explain their answers, especially to the questions for Excerpt 2. If possible, scribe strong answers on a blank form on a document camera. Prompt students to correct their work as necessary. You can leave this up during the assessment.

- Thank students for their participation and ask them to return to their seats and clear their desks for the Mid-Unit 2 Assessment.

B. Mid-Unit 2 Assessment (20 minutes)

- Tell students that today they get to demonstrate their progress on the learning target that was discussed earlier. Assure

Meeting Students’ Needs

- Making sure that all students have the opportunity to make meaning of this text before they are assessed ensures that the assessment is primarily of the standard, RL 7.9, and not primarily of their ability to independently make meaning of complex text.

- During Work Time A, you may want to pull struggling readers to review the homework in a small group with you, focusing on Excerpt 2 to ensure that they have understood the text on which the assessment centers.

- For some students, this assessment may require more than the 20
Work Time | Meeting Students’ Needs
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• students that there are no tricks to this assessment; it really is the exact process they’ve been practicing in class in Lessons 6 and 7.
• Tell students that everyone needs to remain silent until the entire class is finished, that this commitment is how they show respect for each other and it is non-negotiable. Write on the board, “If you finish early, you can …” and include suggestions they made in Unit 1 (Lesson 14).
• Distribute the **Mid-Unit 2 Assessment: Comparing “Water for Sudan” and A Long Walk to Water** to each student.
• Ask students to begin work on the assessment. Circulate as needed to ensure students are on task and answer any questions regarding the directions for the assessment.
• Collect students’ assessments.

minutes allotted. Consider providing students time over multiple days if necessary. It is also possible to shorten the number of responses. To do this, cross out the bottom row on each chart. All students need to show their thinking on both charts.

• Use your professional judgment with regard to Section III of the assessment. This question will be particularly difficult for students who struggle to explain complex ideas in writing, and a weak answer may indicate more about their writing than about their understanding of standard RL 7.9. Options include: asking for oral answers from some students; making success with this item the criteria for an “advanced” as opposed to “proficient” score on the assessment; removing it for all students and substituting a Think-Pair-Share about that question.
### Closing and Assessment

#### Turn and Talk (5 minutes)
- Explain the following scenario: “Your little brother is in fourth grade, and he is learning about the U.S. Civil War. He comes home grumbling from school one day. ‘Can you believe it? My teacher says I have to read TWO things—this novel about a soldier in the Civil War and this article about camp life and battle strategies in the Civil War. I don’t get it. Why can’t I just read one thing?’"
- Ask students to turn and talk:
  * “What would you tell your brother? How does reading informational text and a novel help you understand a topic better?”
- After several minutes, invite a few students to share something their partner said. Reinforce the relationship between reading informational text and reading historical fiction.
- Distribute the Vocabulary Review homework and explain the directions. As time permits, ask students to do the first one to make sure they understand how to do the task.

### Homework

#### A.
- See Vocabulary Review homework. Rewrite the sentences from *A Long Walk to Water* in your own words. Make sure you are correctly explaining the underlined words. The page number after each sentence indicates the page in the book where you can find the sentence. Let’s look at the example on your homework sheet:
  1. Salva shook with terror inside and out. (40)
     Salva was very scared.
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Name: 
Date: 

Directions: For this assessment, reread the text below, then follow the directions about how to show your thinking. The underlined sentences are referred to specifically in the assessment.

Water for Sudan: What We Do
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## II. How did Park elaborate on historical facts in her novel?

**Directions:** Reread Chapter 18 (Nya’s Story), which tells about the opening of the well. What are two details in this chapter that show how Park added to the historical facts? Why does she include these details? What do they help the reader understand? Show your thinking in the chart below. The first row is already done as an example.

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<td>The well includes a gravel foundation and a pump and is made using concrete. To get water out of the well, people moved a handle up and down.</td>
<td>Park includes this because it helps the readers to better understand what Nya saw that day and what it was like for her to use the well. A description of Nya operating the well makes it easier for readers to imagine the well than simply writing that the well was there and had a pump handle.</td>
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III. How did Park add to the historical facts in her novel?

Nya is not a historical character; Park created her. In a book otherwise based so closely on facts, why did Park add to history in this way? What does Nya’s story help the reader understand?
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<td>(10, 12) Nya’s uncle, who is the chief in the village, helps the drilling team decide where to put the well. Later, Nya’s mother and other women carry rocks to the well, and then other villagers break them up into gravel. Many people in the village help to build the well.</td>
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<td>The result is a village renewed by its own efforts with increased confidence that its people can continue to transform their own lives.</td>
<td>(17, 18) People in Nya’s village feel very hopeful because of the well. Her father and some other men decide to build a school. Once there is a well, children will be able to go to school instead of carrying water all the time. They also decide to build a clinic. Having the well makes it possible for the people of Nya’s village to change their lives in many ways.</td>
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II. How did Park elaborate on historical facts in her novel?

Directions: Reread Chapter 18 (Nya’s Story), which tells about the opening of the well. What are two details in this chapter that show how Park added to the historical facts? Why does she include these details? What do they help the reader understand? Show your thinking in the chart below. The first row is already done as an example.

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<th>Details from Chapter 18 about the opening of the well that are NOT in text from waterforsouthsudan.org?</th>
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<td>The well includes a gravel foundation and a pump and is made using concrete. To get water out of the well, people moved a handle up and down.</td>
<td>Park includes this because it helps the readers to better understand what Nya saw that day and what it was like for her to use the well. A description of Nya operating the well makes it easier for readers to imagine the well than simply writing that the well was there and had a pump handle.</td>
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<td>The book describes what it was like for Nya to first drink water from the well. She is used to drinking warm, cloudy water from the pond; she describes the well water as “delicious” and “clear and cool.” (112)</td>
<td>Park includes this because it helps the reader imagine what it would be like to live in a village where something we take for granted—clear, cool, clean water—is a new experience. This helps the reader understand why the work of building wells changes people’s lives.</td>
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<td>The book describes how surprised Nya was when she found out that the crew leader of the well-drilling team was Dinka. She was Nuer, and her family had always been scared of the Dinka. She wonders why he would do this for her people.</td>
<td>It is true that Salva is a Dinka; what Park added was how a Nuer girl might perceive him. Adding this helps Park show that the work of building wells not only makes people’s lives better, but also helps to break down barriers between groups.</td>
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III. How did Park add to the historical facts in her novel?

Nya is not a historical character; Park created her. In a book otherwise based so closely on facts, why did Park add to history in this way? What does Nya’s story help the reader understand?

An exemplary answer will connect this question to the author’s overall purpose in writing the novel.

Sample answer:

Park wrote *A Long Walk to Water* so that American teenagers could better understand what has been happening in the Sudan. Creating Nya, a possible but not real character, allows her to show the work of Salva’s organization—the reader sees the well go in through Nya’s eyes and understands how it will impact her life. Once a reader understands how this one well will change one girl’s life, the reader can understand how 137 wells, each serving thousands of people, will change life for many people. It is important that Nya is a girl, as women and girls do most of the water carrying, and so they are particularly affected by the digging of a well.
In this assignment, you will rewrite the sentences from *A Long Walk to Water* in your own words. Make sure that your rewritten sentence correctly explains the underlined words. All of these words are in your Reader’s Notes.

The page number after each sentence indicates the page in the book where you can find the sentence, and you may find it helpful to read the whole paragraph to make sure you understand exactly what the sentence means.

**Example:**
Salva shook with **terror** inside and out. (40)
*Salva was very scared.*

1. Thousands, maybe millions, of hungry mosquitoes **massed** so thickly that in one breath Salva could have ended up with a mouthful if he wasn’t careful. (49)

2. The sun was **rele**ntless and eternal: There was neither wisp of cloud nor whiff of breeze for relief. (52)

3. He felt as though he were standing on the edge of a giant hole – a hole filled with the black **despair** of nothingness. (72)

4. Kakuma has been a dreadful place, **isolated** in the middle of a dry, windy desert. (84)

5. The first several weeks of Salva’s new life were so **bewildering** that he was grateful for his studies. (98)

6. The clinic where his father was recovering was in a **remote** part of southern Sudan. (100)
Grade 7: Module 1: Unit 2: Lesson 10
Introducing Essay Prompt:
Factors for Survival in A Long Walk to Water
Introducing Essay Prompt: Factors for Survival in A Long Walk to Water

Long-Term Targets Addressed (Based on NYSP12 ELA CCLS)

I can cite several pieces of text-based evidence to support an analysis of literary text. (RL.7.1)
I can analyze the development of a theme or central idea throughout a literary text. (RL.7.2)

Supporting Learning Targets

• I can select pieces of textual evidence that show the factors that help Salva survive.

Supporting Learning Targets | Ongoing Assessment

• Exit Ticket

Agenda | Teaching Notes

1. Opening
   A. Entry Task: Introducing Learning Targets and Connecting to Mid-Unit Assessment (5 minutes)
   B. Introducing Essay Prompt (5 minutes)

2. Work Time
   A. Discussing the Prompt (10 minutes)
   B. Introducing the Forming Evidence-Based Claims Graphic Organizer (10 minutes)
   C. Completing the First Row of Forming Evidence-Based Claims Graphic Organizer (10 minutes)

3. Closing and Assessment
   A. Exit Ticket (5 minutes)

4. Homework
   A. Finish Row 1 of Forming Evidence-Based Claims graphic organizer.

• This lesson is the transition between the lessons on reading the novel and informational text about Sudan and the scaffolding toward the literary analysis essay that will be the assessment at the end of Unit 2. It is important for students to be able to follow the development of a theme through the novel in order for them to understand the work and the author’s intent in writing it. Being able to share their understanding of the novel through an analytical essay is a powerful skill that will also be the reward for their close reading of the novel and the informational texts that helped them to understand the time and place of Salva and Nya’s challenges. Writing about what they read is enjoyable for students, especially if they have become engaged with the text and want to share their understanding with an audience. Lessons 10–14 will follow a similar pattern of having students look at components of a literary analysis essay and work to prepare for writing their own.

• In this lesson students start filling out the Odell Education resource called Forming Evidence-Based Claims worksheet (provided here in supporting materials and also available as a stand-alone document on EngageNY.org and odelleducation.com/resources). This graphic organizer is to help students find the details that will best support their claim/thesis in their essay. The first row helps students select details or events in the novel that were important in the survival of one of the main characters in A Long Walk to Water. Filling out the second row helps students practice explaining the meaning and significance of the details they choose. The work to complete this organizer will help them to plan and write their essays in lessons 15–16. Students will complete the organizer in Lesson 13.

• You will model filling out the first row of the organizer for students. In your example, use the survival factors that help Nya meet challenges. Students will be writing about Salva only, but the method and information will be similar for both.
Introducing Essay Prompt: Factors for Survival in A Long Walk to Water

Teaching Notes (continued)

- In advance: Read the Essay Prompt and think about how it connects to the learning targets in this lesson, as well as the mid-unit assessment students just completed.
- Look ahead to Lesson 14 in order to familiarize yourself with the NYS Grade 6-8 Expository Writing Evaluation rubric (found on page 14 of New York State Educator Guide to the 2013 Grade 7 Common Core English Language Arts Test) so that you can help students prepare to meet the criteria for writing a quality essay.
- Post: Learning targets.

Lesson Vocabulary

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Materials

- End of Unit 2 Assessment Prompt: *A Long Walk To Water* Essay (one per student)
- Forming Evidence-Based Claims worksheet (adapted in collaboration with Odell Education; also see generic stand-alone document on EngageNY.org and odelleducation.com/resources) (one per student)
- Document camera
- Survival anchor chart (begun in Lesson 1)
- Half-sheet of paper for exit ticket (one per student)

Opening

A. Entry Task: Introducing Learning Targets and Connecting to Mid-Unit Assessment (5 minutes)

- As students enter the classroom, ask them to write down the learning target for today on the top of a sheet of paper they will use during the class. Ask them to circle the key word(s) in the target.
- Focus students whole group. Ask a student to read the learning target for today and give the key word(s) he or she circled. They may circle *textual evidence*. If so, confirm that the words are key to this target and clarify what they mean if needed.
- If students also circle *factors*, point out the meaning of this word as “one of the elements contributing to a particular result or situation.” Examples: We couldn’t have the picnic because of several factors; we forgot the food, it was raining, and the car broke down,” or “Literacy is one of the main factors that prepare someone to be ready for college and a career.” If the

Meeting Students’ Needs

- Using entrance/exit tickets allows you to get a quick check for understanding of the learning target so that instruction can be adjusted or tailored to students’ needs during the lesson or before the next lesson.
students do not circle *factors*, discuss and clarify the word anyway—it is the focus of the essay prompt they will get today.

### Opening (continued)
- Ask students:
  * “How does this learning target relate to the mid-unit assessment you did in the last class?”
  - Listen for responses like: “We had to pick out challenges, and this is asking us to think about how the characters survived those challenges.”

### B. Introducing Essay Prompt (5 minutes)
- Say to students: “Remember, we have been thinking about the question of how individuals survive in challenging situations and looking specifically at Salva and Nya in South Sudan. Today we will focus a bit more on a specific question you will be writing about.”
- Give each student a copy of the End of Unit 2 Assessment Prompt: A Long Walk to Water Essay. Point out the word *factor* and how it is used in this prompt.
  * Essay Prompt: Focusing Question: “How do individuals survive challenging environments in _A Long Walk to Water_?”
- After reading the novel and accounts of the experiences of the people of Southern Sudan during and after the Second Sudanese Civil War, write an essay that addresses the theme of survival by answering the question: What factors made survival possible for Salva in _A Long Walk to Water_? Support your discussion with evidence from the novel and be sure to explain your thinking about how this evidence relates to a factor in Salva’s survival.

### Work Time

#### A. Discussing the Prompt (10 minutes)
- Emphasize to students that in order to write a good essay, it is very important that they fully understand the prompt. Have students meet with one of their Discussion Appointment partners and follow these directions:
  1. What does this prompt mean to you?
  2. Write the prompt in your own words on your prompt sheet.
  3. On the prompt sheet, list the things you will need to do in order to get ready to write your essay.
- As the students work, circulate and listen to see that they understand that they must decide what the survival factors are and...
gather information about survival factors to use in their essays

- In the last minutes of this segment, cold call a few pairs to see what they have. Be sure that all pairs have the prompt and list written down. Before students leave their partners, remind them to thank their partners for good work.

### Work Time (continued)

#### B. Introducing the Forming Evidence-Based Claims Graphic Organizer (10 minutes)

- Make the transition to this work segment by saying: “Now that you understand the prompt, we need to begin to gather the information you will need to write a good paper.”

- Distribute a copy of Forming Evidence-Based Claims graphic organizer. Display the document using a document camera.

- Tell students that this graphic organizer will help them get clear on what details really struck them about the novel and why: What claims do they want to make about what they read? In other words, what statements can they make to show that they have analyzed the text and can explain its significance? Point out that this is a skill students have been practicing a lot in their other four-column graphic organizer throughout Unit 1 and the first part of Unit 2. They will use this new graphic organizer to help them begin to sort and sift some of those details in order to write a more formal essay.

- Model for students how to use this graphic organizer. Think aloud: “I see the essay prompt question at the top, and it looks like I need to put in some details from the story of Salva and Nya that relate to the prompt question.” Ask:

  * “Where can I get some details to fill this in?” Then, look at the Survival anchor chart and say, “Oh, we have collected a lot of details related to survival on our chart. I think I will choose ________ because it shows a time when Nya had to survive something dangerous.”

- Write the detail and the page reference on the model Forming Evidence-Based Claims organizer you are displaying.

- Ask students to give you two other details/quotes that would show survival factors and add those to the organizer.

- Emphasize that paying attention to details is a part of reading closely, which students have practiced a lot. Here, they are in effect thinking again about the details in order to prepare to write. Continue to reinforce how interrelated reading and writing are: You must have read carefully in order to have strong details to analyze in formal writing. Students have built a lot of expertise about Salva, Nya, and issues related to survival; now is their chance to begin to pull all that great reading and thinking together to share with others.
### Work Time (continued)

**C. Completing the First Row of Forming Evidence-Based Claims Graphic Organizer (10 minutes)**

- Tell students that you have shown them how to find good details to support the prompt. Now they need to go ahead and fill in their organizers with the details and quotes that they think would be good to show how Salva survived in *A Long Walk to Water*.
- While students are working, circulate and be sure that all are able to find appropriate examples of survival factors.
- Support students in:
  - Using the anchor charts (Survival and What Happened to Salva/Nya?) to get examples
  - Using their Reader's Notes and Gathering Textual Evidence graphic organizer for examples as well
  - Using quotes to support their examples and page numbers for the quotes
- When the time is up, ask students to save their organizers in whatever type of organizational folder or binder they are using. Tell them that they will be filling out the rest of this sheet in a few days so that they can plan for their essays.
## Closing and Assessment

### A. Exit Ticket: (5 minutes)

- Give students a half-sheet of paper for their exit ticket responses. Post the following exit ticket questions on the board or on a document reader:
  - What does the prompt ask you to discuss in your essay?
  - What do you need to get ready to write your paper about the prompt?
  - Tell students they do not have to copy the questions. They only need to number their answers according to the question they are answering.

## Homework

### A. If you did not finish putting important details, quotes, and page numbers on the Forming Evidence-Based Claims graphic organizer, finish Row 1.
Grade 7: Module 1: Unit 2: Lesson 10
Supporting Materials
Focusing Question:
“How do individuals survive challenging environments in A Long Walk to Water?”

After reading the novel and accounts of the experiences of the people of Southern Sudan during and after the Second Sudanese Civil War, write an essay that addresses the theme of survival by answering the question: What factors made survival possible for Sylva in A Long Walk to Water? Support your discussion with evidence from the novel and be sure to explain your thinking about how this evidence relates to a factor in Salva’s survival.
Grade 7: Module 1: Unit 2: Lesson 11
Analyzing a Model Essay:
“Challenges Facing a Lost Boy of Sudan”
Long-Term Targets Addressed (Based on NYSP12 ELA CCLS)

I can write informative/explanatory texts that convey ideas and concepts using relevant information that is carefully selected and organized. (W.7.2)
I can quote or paraphrase others’ work while avoiding plagiarism. (W.7.8)
I can use correct capitalization, punctuation, and spelling to send a clear message to my reader. (L.7.2)

Supporting Learning Targets

• I can analyze a model literary analysis essay to determine its strengths.
• I can use quotes effectively in my writing.
• I can punctuate quotes correctly in my writing.

Ongoing Assessment

• Student contributions to What Makes a Literary Analysis Essay Effective? anchor chart
• Student responses to observations of how quotes are used in text

Agenda

1. Opening
   A. Entry Task: Introducing Learning Targets (5 minutes)
2. Work Time
   A. Examining a Model Essay: First Read and Partner Discussion (15 minutes)
   C. Using Quotes in Essays (10 minutes)
3. Closing and Assessment
   A. Examining “Tips on Using Quotes” Handout and Revisiting Learning Targets (5 minutes)
4. Homework
   A. Select three quotes from Reader’s Notes and put

Teaching Notes

• This is the second lesson to prepare students to write their analytical essays for the End of Unit 2 Assessment. In this lesson, students are introduced to a model essay on A Long Walk to Water. Using a model essay is a way for to demonstrate what is expected of the students. No coach would expect an athlete to learn a new skill such as dribbling a basketball without demonstrating it first. Models are crucial for students who are learning a new skill such as writing a literary analysis essay.

• The model essay is about the challenges that Salva faces but not the factors that enable him to survive. The model essay is intentionally about the book that students also will write about. Students will be familiar with the context. The model, however, will not use exactly the same examples and information that the student essay on factors will use.

• The model uses the text that students have read and part of the information they have been gathering on the Survival anchor chart (students’ notes), demonstrating the process they will go through to write their own essays.

• Over the next few lessons, students will use this model essay to look at the writer’s purpose/thesis and how the writer supports his or her claims.

• Discussing the model essay will give students a concrete example to help them understand the components in the NYS Expository Writing Evaluation rubric, which they examine over the next four
## Agenda

### Teaching Notes

- Continue with independent reading.

- Discussing the model essay will give students a concrete example to help them understand the components in the NYS Expository Writing Evaluation rubric, which they examine over the next four lessons.

- A major part of examining the NYS rubric will be looking at the academic vocabulary words in the rubric. In Lessons 12–15, these words will be collected in a Writer's Glossary. Preview this document in the Lesson 12 supporting materials.

- In this lesson, students also look at the use of quotes in the model essay to learn how to incorporate quotes as well as punctuate and cite them correctly. The lesson has students notice uses of quotes that are sometimes more complex than what students will be expected to do in their essays. In this way, students are exposed to more sophisticated uses of quotes, and, if they wish, they can expand their own use of quotes beyond the minimal requirements of using correct punctuation and page citations.

- The chart the class creates today on Using Quotes in Essays is a way to capture their observations. It will be compared to the Tips for Using Quotes and can be left up for students to use as a reference when they write their essays. These lessons use the MLA format for citing and documenting quotes.

- For homework, students work with their Gathering Textual Evidence graphic organizers, which they have been filing out while rereading as a part of their homework. This routine was begun in Lesson 3. By this point, students should have completed Gathering Textual Evidence graphic organizers for Lesson 6-18 with evidence and quotes from *A Long Walk to Water*. Emphasize to students that these notes serve as the foundation for their essay.

- Read through the model essay “Challenges Facing a Lost Boy of Sudan.”

- Decide which Discussion Appointment partners to use for this lesson.

- Have chart paper displayed and titled for the new anchor chart: What Makes a Literary Analysis Essay Effective?

- Have chart paper displayed and titled for the new anchor chart: Using Quotes in Essays.

- Post: Learning targets.

- If you like, post some pictures of the landscape of Sudan, especially the desert. These photos can catch...
the students’ attention and act as background for the model essay they read in this lesson.
GRADE 7: MODULE 1: UNIT 2: LESSON 11
Analyzing a Model Essay: “Challenges Facing a Lost Boy of Sudan”

Lesson Vocabulary
quotes (n), claim, effective; despite, hostile, brutality, fend, daunting, parched

NOTE: These words come from the model essay “Challenges Facing a Lost Boy of Sudan.”

Materials
• Model Essay: “Challenges Facing a Lost Boy of Sudan” (one per student)
• What makes a Literary Analysis Essay Effective? anchor chart (new; teacher-created; see Work Time B)
• Using Quotes in Essays anchor chart (new; teacher-created; see Work Time C)
• Tips on Using Quotes (one per student and one enlarged to hang in the classroom)
• Gathering Textual Evidence graphic organizers (students’ completed notes from all previous Unit 2 lessons)

Opening
A. Entry Task: Introducing Learning Targets (5 minutes)
• As students enter the classroom, have them write the learning targets on the top of a sheet of paper they will use for today’s class.
• Once students have copied the targets, ask them to turn to a partner to discuss the following question:
  “Which of the targets are new to you, and what would you like to know about these targets?”
• Invite pairs to write their answers down on the paper where they copied the targets.
• Cold call two pairs to share their responses. Listen for students to mention that, in fact, all three targets are new. Tell students that the first learning target is about using what they have already discussed about the prompt in Lesson 10 to look at an essay model, and that targets 2 and 3 are about how they use quotes (direct evidence from the text) when they write. Tell them that they will see different ways to use quotes in the model essay today.
• Address any clarifying questions about these targets. Tell students that they will be working on the first learning target for the next four lessons, and the other two targets for the next six lessons.

Meeting Students’ Needs
• Posting learning targets for students allows them to reference them throughout the lesson to check their understanding. They also provide a reminder to students and teachers about the intended learning behind a given lesson or activity.
Work Time

A. Examining a Model Essay: First Read and Partner Discussion (15 minutes)

- Be sure students are sitting with the Discussion Appointment partner you chose for this lesson.
- Remind students that yesterday they spent time thinking about a prompt for an essay they will be writing. Tell them that in order to help them with this writing task, you are going to read a model essay similar to what they will be writing and that, over the next few lessons, they will use this essay to discuss what makes a good essay. Having a model will support all students by giving them a concrete example of what is expected. They will be creating an anchor chart on what makes a literary analysis essay effective.
- Distribute the Model Essay: “Challenges Facing a Lost Boy of Sudan” to each student. Tell them that you are going to read this essay aloud and would like them to read along silently. As they read, you would like them to listen and circle any words that they are unsure of or want to talk about.
- Read the essay aloud.
- Then invite students to raise their hands to share any words that they circled. List these words on the board. Likely words include those identified above as vocabulary:
  * despite = in spite of; notwithstanding
  * hostile = a person or thing that is antagonistic or unfriendly
  * brutality = brutal; savage; cruel; inhuman: a brutal attack on the village fend = to resist or make defense
  * daunting = to lessen the courage of; dishearten: Don’t be daunted by the amount of work still to be done.
  * parched = to make dry, hot, or thirsty: Walking in the sun parched his throat.
- If students do not mention these words, all of which are strong academic vocabulary, check to see that students do understand the meanings.
- When going over these words, point specifically to despite, which connects two thoughts. Consider paraphrasing the sentence in the model to demonstrate how the word is a connector word that shows the relationship between two things—Salva’s survival “in spite of” the challenges. Point out how words like this make it easier for a reader to understand a writer’s thoughts, which will be important for students to do when they write their own essays (through connectors and transition words).
- If you get other words, ask students to supply meanings or give brief explanations to the class.

Meeting Students’ Needs

- Modeling gives students a clear and understandable vision of the task at hand.
- Use thoughtful grouping: ELLs will benefit from working with a native speaker of English to provide a model of language. If a student seems excessively nervous or uncomfortable, consider partnering him or her with a student who speaks the same L1.
### Work Time

- Tell students: “Now you are going to work with one of your Discussion Appointment to reread the essay and answer the following question:
  * “What one sentence in this essay states the main point the writer is trying to make?”
- Ask them to highlight this sentence in the essay.
- Refocus students whole group. Tell them that the sentence that states the main point is in effect the author’s purpose for writing the essay. It is the essay author’s claim, focus statement, or main point about Salva’s challenges. Ask several pairs to share their opinion of what the author of the essay wanted them to know about Salva’s story.

### B. Building Criteria: “What Makes a Literary Analysis Essay Effective?” (10 minutes)

- Post the chart paper for the new What Makes a Literary Analysis Essay Effective? anchor chart. Ask students:
  * “Was the author’s message clear to you?”
- Ask for a thumbs-up/-down for a quick show of their understanding of the essay. Tell them that if they could understand the author’s ideas, the essay was an effective literary analysis essay. In other words, the essay achieved the author’s goal.
- Invite students to discuss with their partner:
  * “What is one thing you think helped make the essay clear to you?”
- Invite a few pairs to share their thinking with the class. Add their ideas to the new What Makes a Literary Analysis Essay Effective? anchor chart. You might get responses such as: “The author’s main idea was in the beginning,” or “The author gave examples of challenges.”
- At this point, it is fine if students do not have many items listed. If they are giving good, solid elements of a clear essay, add what they offer. Tell them they will be adding more items to this chart as they talk about how to write a clear essay over the next several lessons. By doing this, they are working on learning target 1.
- Ask students to thank their discussion partners for good thinking and return to their own seats.

### C. Using Quotes in Essays (10 minutes)

- Tell students that one thing that makes a literary essay effective is using quotes from the book to support your ideas. Say: “There are rules for how to use quotes, and writers have to pay attention to those rules to make their work clear and correct. To see some good ways to use quotes, we will look at the model essay again and focus on the quotes and how the author of the essay used them.”

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**Meeting Students’ Needs**

- Anchor charts provide a visual cue to students about what to do when you ask them to work independently. They also serve as note-catchers when the class is co-constructing ideas.
• Point out that looking at the essay for using quotes is the beginning of working on learning targets 2 and 3. Ask students to

Work Time (continued)

- reread the model essay and complete the following analysis of the text:

1. Underline quotes in the text.

2. Discuss the following with a partner:
   * “How did you identify the quotes?”
   * “In which paragraphs did you find quotes, and why do you think the author used these quotes from the novel in these places?”

• Be sure to distinguish that in this context, quotes means any words taken directly from the novel, not just what a character says out loud. Give students 5 minutes to reread, annotate, and discuss with their partner.

• Cold call a student or two for responses to each of these items. List their responses on the new Using Quotes in Essays anchor chart. Be sure the class notices the following:

   * All quotes are words taken directly from the text.
   * All quotes begin and end with quotation marks.
   * The quotes give details to support the ideas in a paragraph.
   * Quotes are followed by a number in parentheses indicating the page number in the book from which the quote was drawn.
   * If a character said the quote, that character is named.
   * Every quote has some thinking (analysis/explanation) around it.

• Some students may notice other things such as that some of the quotes are things someone said and some are what the author described, and some quotes are not complete sentences but are part of the essay’s sentence. List these items on the anchor chart as well; however, these things will not be an expectation for use of quotes in their own essays at this time.

• For students who are more sophisticated in their writing, noticing and listing these items will give them ideas for expanding their work beyond the basic criteria for this first literary analysis essay.

• Point out that in their essays, students will need to use quotes correctly. Emphasize the purpose of using quotes: It helps writers prove what they are thinking in a way that is specific enough that readers can understand. This is a skill students have been working on throughout the module. Using quotes also proves to the reader that the writer has read carefully and thought deeply about the text. Relate this back to the work students did in Unit 1 about “Things Close Readers Do” and the

Meeting Students’ Needs

• Providing a model that is clear enough to illustrate the criteria for all students, but also a bit more advanced than what students are actually expected to do, helps push even the strongest writers.
Odell Education resource students have used related to “Reading Closely for Details.” Give students specific positive praise for ways they have been developing this skill of “reading for evidence” throughout the module.

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<td>• Preview the homework: students get to practice using quotes correctly with some of the quotes they have collected on their Gathering Textual Evidence graphic organizers (from their prior work throughout Unit 2). Point to learning targets 2 and 3 and say that their homework will let them work on these targets.</td>
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### Homework

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<td><strong>B. Put your three quotes into sentences smoothly, punctuating them correctly and giving the page number from the book in parentheses after the quote.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>C. Use your Tips for Using Quotes handout to see some of the rules for using quotes.</strong></td>
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*Note: In Lesson 12, students will examine the NYS Grade 6–8 Expository Writing Evaluation rubric, which can be found in the New York State Educator Guide to the 2013 Grade 7 Common Core English Language Arts Test, page 14*
Preview this rubric thoroughly in advance. Look at what students have added to their What Makes a Literary Essay Effective? anchor chart so that you can make connections between the two documents.
Grade 7: Module 1: Unit 2: Lesson 11
Supporting Materials
Focusing Question:
What challenges did Salva face in *A Long Walk to Water*?

1. Linda Sue Park’s novel, *A Long Walk to Water* tells the story of one of the thousands of Lost Boys of Sudan. These boys ran from their villages during the Second Sudanese Civil War in the 1980s and had to keep moving from country to country to escape the violence of the war. Park’s main character, Salva, is based on a real person who did survive this long journey despite the challenges of the war, the loss of his family, and the hostile environment of Southern Sudan. The first challenge Salva faced was the brutality of the Second Sudanese Civil War. He didn’t really understand what the war was about, but on an ordinary school day, it came to his village. At the sound of gunfire, his school teacher ordered the boys to “Go quickly... Into the bush... Not home. Don’t run home. They will be going into the villages. Stay away from the villages—run into the bush.” (6) The teacher was telling them to stay away from where the soldiers were attacking people. He hoped they could hide or escape from the danger. Salva did what the teacher asked and ran into the wilderness of the bush with the other boys. He didn’t know what happened to his family. He only knew that he couldn’t go back home where “a huge black cloud of smoke rose” as a plane flew overhead. (8) The war had thrown him, a frightened 11 year-old boy, into the bush with strangers who were also running away. The war has challenged him by making him a refugee.

5. Once Salva ran from his village and joined a group of others, he faced another huge challenge. He was alone without his family. He was not really old enough to take care of himself so he had to rely on adults in the group of refugees. He looked for people from his village, hoping to find some family members, but none of them were there. When soldiers surrounded the refugees, they took the men and older boys but left Salva with the women and children. As he travelled with them, he worried and wondered, “Where are we going? Where is my family? When will I see them again?” (12) Because he had no family and was still a child, he was considered a burden to the others and they soon left him alone to fend for himself. He eventually did find his uncle in one of the groups, but his uncle was soon shot by soldiers, leaving Salva alone, without any family once again. To be so alone with no one to help him was a very tough challenge for Salva.

10. In his long journeys, first to Ethiopia and then then to Kenya, Salva faced another daunting challenge: the landscape of Southern Sudan. This part of Africa is made up of swampland, plains where lions live, dangerous rivers full of crocodiles, and deserts. Walking across this land, the refugees never had enough food or water. At one point, Salva’s group came upon men who were dying of thirst. Some women in his group offered water to these men, but most people did not because they were told, “If you give them your water, you will not have enough for yourself! It is useless—they will die, and you will die with them!” (56) Obviously, the parched and hostile land of Sudan was not easy to travel through for young, orphaned Salva.

15. Despite the challenges of war, losing his family, and having to walk across Southern Sudan, Salva did survive. He was eventually adopted by an America family in Rochester, NY. As a grown man, he returned to Sudan, found his father and was reunited with his original family. He also started an organization to build wells to make life less of a struggle for other children in Sudan. His story is a remarkable one because of all that he had to overcome. His life can be an inspiration to all of us because it shows that we can overcome many things that would try to discourage and defeat us.

At the end of Lesson 11, you might have statements like the following:

- The author’s message was listed in the first paragraph.
- The author’s message was also in the last paragraph.
- The author gave examples of challenges.
Tips on Using Quotes in Your Writing

1. You must use quotation marks around **ANY** sentences you use from another writer’s work.

2. You should introduce a quote with the name of the speaker or author. If you are using only one source and name the author in the beginning of your paper, you do not have to give the author’s name with each quote.

3. You may introduce a quote by saying something like, Salva said, “______.”

4. Remember to separate the speaker from the quote with a comma if the quote is not blended into your sentence.

5. You may use an author’s whole name or last name to introduce a quote, but do not use the author’s first name alone. You do not know the writer that well!

6. Punctuation usually goes inside the final quotation marks. See the examples.

7. You may work a quote into your sentence.
   - **Example:** Salva couldn’t go back home, where “a huge black cloud of smoke rose” as a plane flew overhead. (8)

8. Try to work quotes smoothly into your sentences. See the example for #9.

9. If you quote only part of a sentence, and it isn’t clear that the part you quote is not a complete sentence, put an ellipsis to show that you are not quoting a whole sentence. Ellipsis is three periods in a row to show where something is missing.
   - **Example:** When her sister got sick, Nya remembered that “Most of the adults and older children who fell ill recovered ...” (39), but she was afraid for her sister anyway.

10. Do not use double punctuation at the end of a quote. If there is a question mark inside the quotation marks, you do not need a period after the quotation marks.
    - **Example:** Salva asked, “Where is my family?” (12)

11. Give the page number where the quote is in the text in parentheses after the quote.

12. Be sure to show your own thinking about the quote (analysis/explanation). (We will talk about this more later.)
Grade 7: Module 1: Unit 2: Lesson 12

Scaffolding for Essay: Examining a Model and Introducing the NYS Grade 6–8 Expository Writing Evaluation Rubric
Long-Term Targets Addressed (Based on NYSP12 ELA CCLS)

I can write informative/explanatory texts that convey ideas and concepts using relevant information that is carefully selected and organized. (W.7.2)
I can quote or paraphrase others’ work while avoiding plagiarism. I can use a standard format for citation. (W.7.8)
I can accurately use seventh-grade academic vocabulary to express my ideas. (L.7.6)

Supporting Learning Targets

• I can use correct punctuation of quotes.
• I can analyze a model essay on *A Long Walk to Water* using a rubric.
• I can discuss new vocabulary from the NYS Grade 6–8 Expository Writing Evaluation rubric.

Ongoing Assessment

• Student homework on using quotes
• Exit ticket

Agenda

1. Opening
   A. Introducing Learning Targets (5 minutes)
   B. Homework Check (10 minutes)

2. Work Time
   A. Introducing the NYS 6-8 Expository Writing Evaluation Rubric (10 minutes)
   B. Analyzing the Model Essay Using the Rubric (10 minutes)
   C. Comparing the Rubric to “What Makes a Literary Analysis Essay Effective?” Anchor Chart (5 minutes)

3. Closing and Assessment
   A. Exit Ticket (5 minutes)

4. Homework
   A. Continue independent reading.

Teaching Notes

• This lesson continues the scaffolding toward the End of Unit 2 Assessment essay. In the previous lesson, students began to analyze a model essay by finding the writer’s claim and discussing what in the essay helped to make that clear. In this lesson they will begin to look at the NYS Grade 6–8 Expository Writing Evaluation rubric, which will be used to assess the drafts and final copies of their essays.

• The rubric is a good assessment tool, but it is complex in both concepts and vocabulary. Seventh-graders need to be introduced to the writing elements being assessed and the terminology of the rubric. This lesson will involve close reading of the first criteria and level descriptors on the rubric.

• The academic vocabulary in the rubric is defined in a Writer’s Glossary, which students will use in this lesson and the next three lessons. The whole glossary is available at the end of the Unit 2 overview document. The specific page you will need for Lessons 12-15 also appear in the supporting documents at the end of each lesson.

• The words used in the rubric cannot easily be defined by their context, especially by novice writers. Therefore, the words are already defined in the glossary. You will need to discuss these definitions and give students examples so that they understand how the words are used in reference to their writing. Since the words from the rubric that are in the Writer’s Glossary show up in many places in relation to writing, this glossary can be used as a reference all year. Consider adding other academic vocabulary related to your students’ work as writers.
### Agenda

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<td>• In Lessons 13–15, students will continue to analyze the model essay and look at the other rows of the rubric so that by the time they complete their essays, they will have had the chance to discuss all of the criteria expected of middle school writers in New York State.</td>
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<td>• This first row of the rubric is about how clearly a writer states the claim and supports it, so it corresponds to the discussions students had about the model essay in Lesson 11.</td>
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<td>• As part of their examination of the rubric, they will add to the anchor chart What Makes a Literary Analysis Essay Effective? and compare the model essay, “Challenges Facing a Lost Boy of Sudan,” to the rubric criteria. By doing these activities, students will increase their academic vocabulary, begin to understand the complex descriptors in the rubric, and have a more concrete idea of what their own papers should include.</td>
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<td>• Prepare a place or system for students to keep their rubrics and model essays in the classroom (i.e., a folder, file, or binder). Students will reuse the rubric and the model essay, so both need to be kept in the classroom.</td>
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<td>• This lesson starts a four-lesson process where students will highlight or underline parts of the model essay that illustrate the NYS rubric. If possible, have students do this with colored pencils or highlighters. Each row of the rubric criteria in the essay could be marked with a different color so students could easily see the parts of the essay that illustrate the rubric criteria.</td>
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<td>• In advance: Determine which Discussion Appointment partners you want students to work with during this lesson. When you give the students instructions, name the African location on their Discussion Appointments map for the partner you wish them to meet.</td>
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Lesson Vocabulary
rubric, column, row; content, extent, conveys, compelling, task, insightful, comprehension, logically/illogically

NOTE: These words come from the first row of the NYS Grade 6–8 Expository Writing rubric. Vocabulary words from the other rows will be discussed in later lessons.

Materials
- Entry Task: Learning Targets (one per student)
- Document camera
- Tips on Using Quotes handout (from Lesson 11)
- Using Quotes in Essays anchor chart (created in Lesson 11; should be posted in classroom)
- Model Essay: “Challenges Facing a Lost Boy of Sudan” (from Lesson 11)
- NYS Grade 6–8 Expository Writing Evaluation rubric (one per student)
- Highlighters or colored pencils (one color per row of the rubric)
- Writer's Glossary page from Row 1 of the NYS Rubric (one per student)
- What Makes a Literary Analysis Essay Effective? anchor chart (begun in Lesson 11; See example in Supporting Materials for additions)
- Exit Ticket (one per student)

Opening

A. Introducing Learning Targets (5 minutes)
- As students enter the classroom, give each one an Entry Task: Learning Targets handout. For each target, tell students they should list one thing they have done in previous lessons to work on this target. Give students 2 to 3 minutes to get this done.

Once all are finished, ask a student to read the first learning target aloud and connect it to the mini-lesson on using quotes in Lesson 11.

Then ask another student to read learning target 2 and make connections to Lesson 11.

Students should give responses such as: “We worked with how to use quotes in our sentences,” “We talked about how to use punctuation with quotes,” or “We read a model essay yesterday, but we didn’t have a rubric.”

Do the same with another student and learning target 3. This learning target is a new one because they have not seen the NYS rubric yet.

Ask the class if they know what a rubric is and call on several to explain. If they do not know, give the following definition: “any established mode of conduct or procedure; protocol.” (Dictionary.com)
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<td>• Explain how this applies to an essay: a guide that lists the criteria for writing an effective essay and descriptions of how well students might write. We use this information to assess the writing and give feedback to the author.</td>
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<td>• If time permits, explain that the root word for <em>rubric</em> is Latin for red; in the Middle Ages the word named the fancy letters that monks used to start new chapters within their holy books. These letters were usually red. If you have a picture of one of these ornate manuscripts, you could show it on the document camera.</td>
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<td>• Tell students that even today, the red letters are in some church hymnals to tell the congregation what to do. These are rubrics because they give instructions of when to stand, sing, and pray. Then ask students to discuss with a seat partner: <em>“How do these uses of <em>rubric</em> relate to our use of a rubric to write and assess an essay?”</em></td>
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<td>• Have two or three students share one of their homework sentences using quotes by putting them on the document reader and explaining what they did. (If no document reader is available, two students could write their sentences on the board for review.)</td>
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<td>• Invite the class to look at the student samples to see if they are correct and make suggestions to correct them if they are not. Their answers here should be based on the work they did in the previous lesson on the anchor chart <em>Using Quotes in Essays</em> and the <em>Tips on Using Quotes handout</em>.</td>
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<td>• Be sure to make any necessary corrections that the students do not find. Also, give the rationale for the corrections. This may take more time than allotted, but it is important that students see how to use the evidence they have gathered about the survival factors in the novel because supporting their claim well is the heart of the essay. If they miss this, the rest of the essay is very unlikely to work.</td>
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<td>• Thank the students who were willing to share their samples. Collect all homework papers for a quick assessment of how well students understand using, punctuating, and citing quotes. If they need more practice, you can assign more sentences using quotes for homework at the end of this lesson.</td>
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<td>• Ask students to get out their copies of <em>Model Essay: “Challenges Facing a Lost Boy of Sudan”</em> (from Lesson 11). Say: “Yesterday we were looking at a model essay on <em>A Long Walk to Water</em> and you found the writer’s main claim about the challenges that Salva faced. For the next few lessons, we are going to continue to look at that model to see how a writer puts a good essay together. To help us discuss the model essay, we are going to look at a rubric from New York State that describes what middle school students can do to write well.”</td>
<td>• Having students look at the NYS rubric that will be used to evaluate their writing during seventh and eighth grades will give all of them initial understanding of the criteria for their writing. Discussing the vocabulary and criteria in the rubric one row at a time allows students to access the information in smaller pieces, something that aids in understanding complex information.</td>
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<td>• Give students a moment to skim over the essay to refresh their memories and talk with a partner about what they remember.</td>
<td>• Many students will benefit from having the time available for this activity displayed via a visible timer or stopwatch.</td>
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<td>• Distribute the <a href="#">NYS Grade 6–8 Expository Writing Evaluation rubric</a>. If possible, display a copy of the rubric on a document reader so that all students can see when you are circling vocabulary words and discussing the criteria.</td>
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<td>• Tell students: “This is the rubric that New York State uses to look at student writing for sixth through eighth grades. This rubric tells what the state expects students your age to do when they write an essay. In the next few lessons, you are going to learn what is in this rubric. Then we will use it as you write your essay on <em>A Long Walk to Water</em>. By doing this, you will have inside information to become a great writer!”</td>
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<td>• Ask students to meet with one of their Discussion Appointment partners. Tell them that they will be working with this partner during the whole class today.</td>
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<td>• Tell the pairs to read only the first row of the rubric and circle words they do not know or are unsure about.</td>
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<td>• Call on several pairs to share the words they identified. Circle these words on your copy on the document camera. Expect that they will not know the meanings of the following vocabulary words: <em>content, extent, conveys, compelling, task, insightful, comprehension, logically,</em> and the opposite <em>illogically</em>. Do not define the words until you have distributed the <a href="#">Writer’s Glossary page for Row 1 of the NYS Rubric</a>. This will have the vocabulary words bolded and defined.</td>
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<td>• Once students have their glossary page, discuss and illustrate the definitions of the words already on the page and add any others that students contribute. (See Writer’s Glossary page for Lesson 12 for definitions.) Students may know some of these words used in other ways, so be sure that they understand them as they are used to refer to writing in the rubric.</td>
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B. Analyzing the Model Essay using the Rubric (10 minutes)

• Tell students: “Now we are going to use the model essay to understand what the rubric is saying writers should do.” Explain that the first row across on the rubric describes how a writer introduces the topic of an essay. Say something like: “We need to look closely at how an essay would follow what the rubric describes so you know what you have to do as a writer to write an effective essay. We are going to be using the model essay to do that.”

• Tell students that the numbered boxes on the rubric describe how well an essay follows the criteria in the left-hand column (be sure students are clear that columns are the lines from left to right, and rows are the lines from top to bottom). Box 4 describes the best essay, so we will look at the model essay to see what this description means. Read aloud Level 4 and say: “This means that the essay should start by telling the reader what the topic will be, but saying it in a way that is interesting so the reader wants to read the rest.”

• Put a copy on the document reader if possible so that all can see as you discuss the essay.

• Have students read the first paragraph of the model essay. Ask them to underline or highlight the last sentence in this introduction paragraph. As they do so, underline or highlight your copy as a model. (Since students will be highlighting various parts of this model essay as they discuss the rubric, it might be helpful for you to use a different color for each of the rows on the rubric. If students could use highlighters or colored pencils as well, that would help them see what the model does to meet each row of the rubric.)

• Point out that this sentence uses a key word from the focus question and the title: challenges. Ask:
• “What is this sentence saying about the challenges that Salva faces?”

• Call on a student or two to get a response. Confirm that the sentence tells three challenges he is facing: war, losing his family, and the hostile environment of his country. Point out that this sentence does “clearly introduce the topic.”

• Now ask:
• “Does this sentence introduce the topic in an interesting, compelling way? If so, what words or phrases spark the reader’s interest?”

• If a student volunteers, “thousands of Lost Boys of Sudan,” confirm that response. A student might also point to boys running from their villages during a war, which would make someone curious.

• Invite students to reread the rest of the essay to see if they think the writer knows the book well and how they can tell that. With their partner they should find three things in the essay that show the writer knows the book. Ask them to number these three items in the margin of their copies of the model essay. If students are using colored pencils, these numbers should be in

Meeting Students’ Needs

• Students may have some difficulty recognizing the subtlety of the different levels of the rubric. You need to help them understand the differences between “lack of comprehension of the text” (Level 0), “literal comprehension of the text” (Level 2), and “insightful analysis of the text” (Level 4). At this point, students do not need sophisticated understanding of the rubric, but they do need to begin to understand what the rubric is demanding of them. If you wish and have time, you could also discuss how Levels 1 and 3 refer to their understanding of the text.

• For students who struggle with following multistep directions, consider displaying these directions using a document camera or interactive white board. Another option is to type up these instructions for students to have in hand.
Work Time (continued)

the same color as the underlined claim/thesis sentence in the first paragraph.

- Once they have finished, cold call several pairs to see what they have selected. Then say: “So the model essay does follow the best description of the rubric. It tells the topic early in an interesting way, and it shows that the writer understood the book well. These are two things you want to do in your own essays.”

- C. Comparing the Rubric to “What Makes a Literary Analysis Essay Effective?” Anchor Chart (5 minutes)
  - Post the What Makes a Literary Analysis Essay Effective? anchor chart. Say: “Let’s look at our anchor chart What Makes a Literary Essay Effective? so we can be sure that we have put the ideas that are in this row of the rubric on our list.”
  - Ask the pairs to look at their chart and what the rubric says makes a good essay. Tell them that the rubric’s ideas for a good essay are in the Criteria box and box 4.
  - Cold call several pairs to see if they have things to add to the class anchor chart. At this point, you might get statements such as: “The beginning should be interesting,” “The essay must match and answer the focusing question,” or “The writer should really understand the book to write about it.”
  - Have students thank their Discussion Appointment partners.

Closing and Assessment

A. Exit Ticket: (5 minutes)
  - Have the following questions on the board or document reader, and ask students to answer them. Give each student an Exit Ticket on which to respond.
  - Write one of the words you circled on the NYS rubric and explain what it means.
  - Pick one detail or line from the model essay that you think shows that the essay meets the criteria in Row 1 of the rubric, and tell why your example meets the rubric criteria.
  - Collect students’ exit tickets and preview the homework.
### Homework

| A. Continue reading in your independent reading book for this unit at home. |

| B. Alternative Homework Assignment: If students need more practice using quotes, ask them to repeat the homework assignment form Lesson 11, selecting three quotes from their Reader’s Notes or Gathering Textual Evidence graphic organizers (either packets or separate notes from various lessons) and writing sentences including these quotes, being sure to punctuate them correctly. |

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### Meeting Students’ Needs

- Now that students are done reading A Long Walk to Water, it could be a good time to push them to move forward with their independent reading books. The unit overview includes a possible Reader’s Response letter. If you are doing this, you might use this opportunity to check in with students about what the deadline for completing their book and the letter is.

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*Note: Review students’ exit tickets to be sure that students understand the material in the lesson. The exit ticket is not intended to be graded; rather, it is a useful formative assessment to give you a sense of what students understood in the lesson. If the definitions or examples they give to illustrate the rubric are off-base or unclear, write a note on the ticket to make a correction clear to the student or speak to that student during the next lesson to clarify his or her understanding. If all of the students miss the mark, especially on the example from the model essay, you will need to take a few minutes in the next lesson to clarify the information you wanted them to learn.*

*Note that in Lesson 15, students begin their full draft of their essay. Ideally, they would do this on computers. Arrange necessary technology. (An alternate plan is included for classrooms where word processing is not feasible.)*
• I can use correct punctuation of quotes.
• I can analyze a model essay on *A Long Walk to Water* using a rubric.
• I can discuss new vocabulary from the NYS Grade 6–8 Expository Writing Evaluation rubric.

**DIRECTIONS:** Read today’s learning targets to yourself and write one thing for each target that you have already done to work toward that target. If there is a word or idea in the target that is new to you, circle it.
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| extent           | 1, 2, 3, 4 | used to say how true, large, important or serious something is  
Ex: The extent of his injuries was not clear immediately. |
| conveys          | 1    | to communicate or express something  
Ex: The TV ad conveys the message that thin is beautiful.                             |
| compelling       | 1    | very interesting or exciting, so that you have to pay attention  
Ex: The movie’s story was very compelling.                                         |
| task             | 1    | a piece of work that must be done  
Ex: I was given the task of building a fire.                                         |
| insightful       | 1    | showing that you understand what a text, situation or person is really like  
Ex: Steve’s comments about the story were very insightful.                           |
| comprehension    | 1    | understanding  
Ex: They don’t have the least comprehension of what I’m trying to do.             |
| logically        | 1, 3 | seeming reasonable and sensible, ideas are in a clear order  
Ex: He could logically present his argument for desert to his mom.  
opposite: Not reasonable, sensible or clearly put together |

Other new words you encountered:
DIRECTIONS: Answer the following questions.

1. Write one of the words you circled on the NYS rubric and explain what it means.
2. Pick one detail or line from the model essay that you think shows that the essay meets the criteria in row 1 of the rubric, and tell why your example meets the rubric criteria.
What you might have listed on this chart so far:

- The author’s message was listed in the first paragraph.
- The author’s message was also in the last paragraph.
- The author gave examples of challenges.
- The topic should be introduced in the beginning in an interesting way.
- The essay should logically follow the focusing question and the connection should be really clear.
- The writer should show that he or she really understands the book.
Grade 7: Module 1: Unit 2: Lesson 13
Scaffolding to Essay:
Using Details to Support a Claim
Long-Term Targets Addressed (Based on NYSP12 ELA CCLS)

I can cite several pieces of text-based evidence to support an analysis of literary text. (RL.7.1)
I can analyze the development of a theme or central idea throughout a literary text. (RL.7.2)
I can accurately use seventh-grade academic vocabulary to express my ideas. (L.7.6)

Supporting Learning Targets | Ongoing Assessment
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- I can make connections between details in *A Long Walk to Water*. | Students’ work on Forming Evidence-Based Claims graphic organizer
- I can describe how these details support the theme of survival in *A Long Walk to Water*. | Exit ticket
- I can discuss new vocabulary from the NYS Grade 6–8 Expository Writing Evaluation rubric.

Agenda | Teaching Notes
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1. **Opening**
   A. Entry Task: Introducing Learning Targets (5 minutes)
2. **Work Time**
   A. Analyzing Model Essay and “Command of Evidence” Row of NYS Grade 6–8 Expository Writing Evaluation Rubric (10 minutes)
   B. Preparing Evidence Part I: Modeling the Use of the Forming Evidence-Based Claims Graphic Organizer (10 minutes)
   C. Preparing Evidence Part II: Completing the Forming Evidence-Based Claims Graphic Organizer (15 minutes)
3. **Closing and Assessment**

- This lesson continues the scaffolding for the literary essay students will draft in Lesson 16. To begin the lesson, students continue to clarify vocabulary and meaning in the second criterion of the NYS Grade 6–8 Expository Writing rubric. Working through the rubric as they are building the information for their essays should help them to see the connection between their work and the expectations for their writing.

- You may wonder about the repetition with the model essay, but it will help students improve their own writing. You will find that students are reading the model so much (looking for different rubric descriptors each time) that they come close to memorizing it. This is OK! It is the full model—a sort of anchor text, if you want to think of it that way—that helps the kids much more than a rubric. The best of both worlds is when the model is so familiar and so well-annotated with rubric language by the end that kids really do understand the rubric-defined elements of strong writing—because they have a strong example entrenched in their heads.

- In this lesson, students also complete the Forming Evidence-Based Claims graphic organizer they started in Lesson 10. This organizer will help them to make connections between their details in order to come to a clear thesis for their essay.

- Before students continue to work on this organizer, you will model the thinking needed to complete it. You began this modeling in Lesson 10 by filling in the first row of the organizer.

- In your example, use the survival factors that help Nya meet challenges. Students will be writing about
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<td>B. Exit Ticket (2 minutes)</td>
<td>• In advance: prepare to model using the Forming Evidence-Based Claims graphic organizer. On the task line at the top, fill in “What factors helped Nya survive?” Then fill in the first row by adding three good details, quotes, and page references that would illustrate factors that helped Nya survive. Think about how you will fill in the rest of the organizer because you will be showing and explaining it to students.</td>
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<td>4. Homework</td>
<td>• Review the Writer’s Glossary and be prepared to provide simple definitions. (This glossary is provided as a part of the Unit 2 overview; the specific words for Lesson 13 are also included in the supporting materials, below).</td>
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<td>A. Complete Forming Evidence-Based Claims organizer if necessary. Continue reading in your independent reading book.</td>
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Table: Agenda and Teaching Notes for Lesson 13 on Scaffolding to Essay: Using Details to Support a Claim.
GRADE 7: MODULE 1: UNIT 2: LESSON 13
Scaffolding to Essay: Using Details to Support a Claim

Lesson Vocabulary

command, relevant/irrelevant, concrete details, sustain, varied (variety), partially, textual evidence, consistent/inconsistent, minimal, valid/invalid

NOTE: Words are from Row 2 of the NYS Grade 6–8 Expository Writing Evaluation rubric.

Materials

• Model Essay: “Challenges Facing a Lost Boy of Sudan” (from Lesson 11; one per student)
• NYS Grade 6–8 Expository Writing Evaluation rubric (from Lesson 12; one per student)
• Writer’s Glossary page from Row 2 of the NYS Rubric (one per student)
• Forming Evidence-Based Claims graphic organizer (begun in Lesson 10; one per student)
• Document camera
• Survival anchor chart (begun in Lesson 1)
• A Long Walk to Water (book; one per student)
• What Makes a Literary Analysis Essay Effective? anchor chart (begun in Lesson 11)
• Half-sheet of paper for exit ticket (one per student)

Opening

A. Entry Task: Introducing Learning Targets. (5 minutes)
• As students enter the classroom, ask them to read the learning targets silently and write down what they think they will be doing in this class based on those targets.
• Then have them to turn to a seat partner and share what they wrote down.
• Cold call several pairs to share their predictions. Confirm the predictions that are in line with the lesson agenda.
### Work Time

**A. Analyzing Model Essay and “Command of Evidence” Row of NYS Grade 6–8 Expository Writing Evaluation rubric (10 minutes)**

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<td>- To further support ELLs, consider providing definitions of challenging vocabulary in students’ home language. Resources such as Google Translate and bilingual translation dictionaries can assist with one-word translation.</td>
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- Be sure students are sitting with the Discussion Appointment partner you designated for today’s lesson. Ask students to take out their copy of the Model Essay: “Challenges Facing a Lost Boy of Sudan” and their copy of the NYS Grade 6–8 Expository Writing rubric.

- Say: “Yesterday we looked at the model essay to see how the writer introduced the topic and showed us that he or she understood the book. Today we are going to see how well the writer proved the claim made in the first paragraph.” Remind students that looking at models is something people in many fields do: athletes, artists, architects, etc. It is very helpful to have a clear vision of what success looks like, particularly when you are trying something new or hard.

- Focus the class on the model essay. Ask a student to read aloud the last sentence from the first paragraph: “Park’s main character, Salva, is based on a real person who did survive this long journey despite the challenges of the war, the loss of his family, and the hostile environment of Southern Sudan.”

- Say: “What are the three challenges that the writer points out?” Have a student state these and ask all to number the three challenges of war, losing family, and the environment.

- Tell students to work with their partner to look for where and how the writer illustrated these challenges. Encourage them to underline one detail per challenge.

- Cold call a pair for each challenge and have them share one detail that supports the challenge. Then ask students to give a thumbs-up/-down to show if they think the writer supported the claim with good details.

- Say: “Now, let’s look at the NYS rubric to see if the writer met the criteria for using good evidence. That criteria is in the second row of the rubric, so let’s see what it says.” If needed, review the distinction between rows and columns (something even many adults struggle with!). Ask students to read across Row 2 and circle any words they do not know or are unsure about.

- Distribute the Writer’s Glossary page for Row 2 of the NYS Rubric. Invite students to work with their partner to check the words there that they circled and add any that are not already on the sheet.

- Go through the vocabulary words on the Reader’s Dictionary sheet (command, relevant and irrelevant, concrete details, sustain, varied (variety), partially, textual evidence, consistent and inconsistent, minimal, valid and invalid) and any that students added. Give simple definitions that fit the context and/or ask students to contribute definitions for words they know. Be sure to explain the words that are matched with their opposites, such as “relevant” and “irrelevant.”
Work Time (continued)

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<td>• As you and students give definitions for the words, talk about what each of the levels (columns) of the Command of Evidence row means in terms of how a student writes. For example, you could take the Criteria box and say: “This row is about how well a writer proves his or her ideas with examples. These examples should come from other sources and be logical support for the main message the writer wants the reader to understand.”</td>
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<td>• Once you have modeled how to do this, ask students to volunteer to take one of the level boxes and put the descriptors into their own words. If you think students need to work with a partner here, they can turn to a seat partner to talk about it before they volunteer an answer.</td>
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<td>• Add any new descriptors to the What Makes a Literary Analysis Essay Effective? anchor chart by asking students to contribute ideas from the part of the rubric they examined today. You might expect to add ideas such as: “The details should be connected to the claim,” or “Quotes can support the claim.”</td>
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B. Preparing Evidence Part I: Modeling the Use of the Forming Evidence-Based Claims Graphic Organizer (10 minutes)

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<td>• To introduce the work in the rest of the lesson, tell students: “Now that we know the rubric expects you to use good, logical details to support your ideas, and now that you see what good, logical details can look like from the model, let’s go back to the Forming Evidence-Based Claims graphic organizer (see Lesson 10) we used a few days ago and think about and explain the major evidence you want to use for your essay.” Ask students to get out their organizers.</td>
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<td>• Tell students that you are going to model how to complete the rest of the organizer. Display your Forming Evidence-Based Claims organizer on a document camera.</td>
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<td>• Tell students that since they are going to write about survival factors that help Salva survive, you will instead model about Nya. This way, they can see how you think it through, but they will still get to do their own good thinking later.</td>
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<td>• Explain how you decided on the details that you put on your organizer. You could reference the Survival anchor chart (begun in Lesson 1). Focus students on the second row of the Forming Evidence-Based Claims graphic organizer. Explain how each of the details shows factors that help Nya survive.</td>
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<td>• Go to the third row and write your claim about these factors. As you are adding to your organizer, be sure to think aloud and explain how the details and evidence you select connect to the claim. Say: “The claim that I have here will be my thesis, or main message, to the readers of my essay, and I will use the details I have to support my idea about what helped Nya survive. Then I’ll be sure to explain my thinking about how the evidence I chose supports my claim/thesis/focus.”</td>
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<td>• Give students a chance to talk with their partner:</td>
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* “What did you notice about my modeling?”

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<td>* “What questions do you have?”</td>
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<td>• Address students’ questions. The way you explain your thinking and the amount of explanation needed will depend on the experience your students have had writing essays. If you have time, it would be useful for many students to turn to a partner and explain how the details in your model connect to the focus question and claim. This is an oral rehearsal for them as they begin to work on their own organizers.</td>
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C. Preparing Evidence Part II: Completing the Forming Evidence-Based Claims Graphic Organizer (15 minutes)

* Be sure students have their texts *A Long Walk to Water*. Now invite students to look at their own organizers and fill in the first box of Row 2 by explaining how their detail in Row 1 relates to the factors of survival for Salva.

* Circulate while they work (as well as in the next step, where they will share their ideas with a partner) so that you can gauge how on target they are or if they need more clarification or support.

* When all have filled in this first box, invite them to turn to a partner and share. At this point, if they need to revise what they wrote, they can. Let them know that they have three minutes to dig in to this work; you just want to be sure they all understand how to get started. They will continue for homework.

* Ask students to complete Row 2 with the other two details and signal to you when they are done.

* Circulate as students work, offering help and clarification as needed. Observe what students are adding to their organizers and assist those who do not yet understand what they are to do. Your observations are a chance for formative assessment, and you may wish to take some quick notes on sticky notes about individual students’ understanding and need for additional support.

* When all or most are done with Row 2, check to see if any of them have questions and give them specific instructions on how to write a claim/thesis statement in Row 3. Refer them to your model on the document camera.

* Tell students it is fine if they did not get to completely finish this graphic organizer; they may finish for homework. If some students completed their graphic organizer, collect them to review patterns. Most students likely will need to continue for homework. Emphasize that they need to bring these graphic organizers back with them for the next lesson, since they will continue working on planning their essay.

* Students will need to be working quickly through this segment. It would be helpful for you to have a timer to be sure they are staying on track. If they need more time, of course you can give it, but they should not think they have time to drift.
## Closing and Assessment


**Anchor Chart (3 minutes)**
- Give each student a **half-sheet of paper for an exit ticket**. Students will refer to the posted learning targets for the day.
- Have half the class write an explanation of how they worked on the first learning target today. Have the other half of the class write an explanation of how they worked on the second learning target.
- Pair each student with someone who explained the opposite learning target and have them explain to each other the connections between the target and the work today.
- If time permits, ask students if today’s work has given them any more ideas that they should add to “What Makes a Literary Analysis Essay Effective?” anchor chart. They might add something like: “The claim needs to have evidence to support it,” “The evidence needs to include some quotes,” or “The details in the evidence have to be explained.” (If there is not enough time to add to the anchor chart, students will be able to add to it in the next two lessons as well.)

### Exit Ticket (2 minutes)
- Collect the written explanations of the learning targets on today’s work.

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## Meeting Students’ Needs

- Using entrance/exit tickets allows you to get a quick check for understanding of the learning target so that instruction can be adjusted or tailored to students’ needs during the lesson or before the next lesson. Pairing entrance tickets with exit tickets allows both teachers and students to track progress from the beginning to the end of the lesson.

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## Homework

### A. If you did not finish filling out your organizer, please finish it tonight.

**Note:** Review the exit tickets to see that students understand the targets and how they are working to meet them. If you detect confusion, you can write a note on the exit ticket to individual students to clarify the information. If you do make notes, you can return the tickets when students come back to class. Or you can verbally address the confusion with individuals or the whole group at the next class meeting. This ticket is a formative assessment, not one to be graded for quality. If you must give a grade for the day, you can give credit to students for completing this ticket seriously. Be sure to read through the third row of criteria on the NYS Expository Writing Evaluation rubric for the next lesson. The concepts and vocabulary are complex, and you will need to prepare for how to explain them to students.
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<td>control &lt;br&gt;Ex.: John had command of his emotions and never had an angry outburst.</td>
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<td>relevant</td>
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<td>directly relating to the subject or problem being discussed or considered &lt;br&gt;Ex.: Every detail in Sally’s paper was relevant to the claim she made. &lt;br&gt;Opposite: not related to the subject being discussed</td>
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<td>concrete details</td>
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<td>definite and specific examples &lt;br&gt;Ex: Using quotes in an essay is giving concrete examples to support your claim.</td>
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<td>sustain</td>
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<td>to make something continue to exist or happen for a period of time, maintain something &lt;br&gt;Ex: A writer must sustain the main idea through an essay.</td>
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<td>varied</td>
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<td>consisting of or including many different kinds of things or people, especially in a way that seems interesting &lt;br&gt;(variety: a selection of different things, or different ways of doing something) &lt;br&gt;Ex: Use varied details in your essay to support your claim.</td>
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<td>partially</td>
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<td>not completely &lt;br&gt;Ex: If you only give one detail you are only partially supporting your ideas.</td>
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<td>textual evidence</td>
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<td>proof that comes from a written piece &lt;br&gt;Ex: Quotes from the novel count as textual evidence for your claim.</td>
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<td>consistently</td>
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<td>the quality of always being the same, doing things in the same way throughout a piece of work &lt;br&gt;Ex: Jeff consistently used good vocabulary when he wrote. &lt;br&gt;Opposite: changing ideas, claims or style in the middle of an essay.</td>
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<td>minimal</td>
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<td>very small in degree or amount, especially the smallest degree or amount possible &lt;br&gt;Ex: If you use a minimal number of details, your essay will not prove your ideas completely.</td>
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<td>valid</td>
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<td>a reason, argument etc that is based on what is reasonable or sensible &lt;br&gt;Ex: The idea that South Sudan is a dangerous place is valid. &lt;br&gt;Opposite: something that is not logical or reasonable</td>
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Other new words you encountered:
Grade 7: Module 1: Unit 2: Lesson 14
Scaffolding for Essay: Planning Body Paragraphs for Survival Factors in A Long Walk to Water
Long-Term Targets Addressed (Based on NYSP12 ELA CCLS)

I can cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text. (RL.7.1)
I can analyze the development of a theme or central idea throughout a literary text. (RL.7.2)
I can write informative/explanatory texts that convey ideas and concepts using relevant information that is carefully selected and organized. (W.7.2)
I can accurately use seventh-grade academic vocabulary to express my ideas. (L.7.6)

Supporting Learning Targets

- I can select details that will support my claim about the theme of *A Long Walk to Water*.
- I can look at a model essay to see how it supports a claim with details.
- I can discuss new vocabulary from the NYS Grade 6–8 Expository Writing Evaluation rubric.

Ongoing Assessment

- Entry Task
- Student work on Planning Your Essay graphic organizer
- Teacher observation and notes as students work on Planning Your Essay graphic organizer
- Student contributions to What Makes a Literary Analysis Essay Effective? anchor chart

Agenda

1. **Opening**
   A. Entry Task: Revisit Essay Prompt (2 minutes)
   B. Introducing Learning Targets (3 minutes)
2. **Work Time**
   A. Revisiting Model Essay: Supporting Details (10 minutes)
   B. Analyzing NYS Expository Writing Evaluation Rubric Row 3 (10 minutes)
   C. Planning Your Essay (15 minutes)
3. **Closing and Assessment**

**Teaching Notes**

- This lesson continues to scaffold toward the End of Unit 2 Assessment. Students revisit the prompt and the claim that they came to on the Forming Evidence-Based Claims graphic organizer in Lessons 10 and 13. They once again use the model essay “Challenges Facing a Lost Boy of Sudan” to envision success. They also continue to look at the vocabulary and analyze the meaning of the NYS Grade 6–8 Expository Writing Evaluation rubric.
- At this point, it may seem that the multiple times students revisit the model essay is becoming redundant, but it will help students, especially students who are new to writing a full essay. All of these documents are intended to help students understand what they will need to do when they write their essay draft in Lessons 15 and 16.
- This lesson has students examining Row 3 of the NYS rubric. This row is the most complex. There is not enough time in this lesson to have students totally analyze the criteria in Row 3 for Coherence, Organization, and Style. Remind students that they will be using this rubric throughout seventh and
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<td><strong>A.</strong> Fill in body paragraph 2 on the Planning Your Essay worksheet.</td>
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<td>• eighth grades. Consider this lesson an introduction to the criteria, knowing that each time students use this rubric, they will spend time discussing organization, logic, and style in relation to their writing.</td>
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<td>• The most important thing for students to get from this first look at the rubric is that they need to plan how they organize their details, quotes, and explanations of their claims so that the readers can follow their ideas easily.</td>
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<td>• In advance: Read the Essay Prompt and think about how it connects to the learning targets in this lesson, as well as the mid-unit assessment students just completed.</td>
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<td>• Look ahead to Lesson 14 in order to familiarize yourself with the NYS Grade 6–8 Expository Writing Evaluation rubric (found on page 14 of New York State Educator Guide to the 2013 Grade 7 Common Core English Language Arts Test) so that you can help students prepare to meet the criteria for writing a quality essay.</td>
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<td>• Post: Learning targets.</td>
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<td>• Be sure that the What Makes a Literary Analysis Essay Effective? anchor chart is posted in the classroom for reference through Lesson 19. You will be having students add to this chart in several lessons, and they can refer to it as they write and revise their Long Walk to Water essays.</td>
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<td>• Students should already have copies of the NYS Expository Writing Evaluation rubric and “Challenges Facing a Lost Boy of Sudan,” but because students marked their copy of this essay in the past three lessons, giving them a new copy at this point would be a good idea. They can still refer to their original one as well.</td>
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GRADE 7: MODULE 1: UNIT 2: LESSON 14


**Lesson Vocabulary**
- coherence/incoherence, style, complex ideas, concepts, precise, appropriate/inappropriate, transitions, unified, enhance, exhibit, predominantly

**NOTE:** From Row 3 of the NYS Grade 6–8 Expository Writing rubric.

**Materials**
- Document camera
- Model Essay: “Challenges Facing a Lost Boy of the Sudan” (used in Lesson 12; prepare a fresh copy for each student for use in Lessons 14-15)
- NYS Grade 6–8 Expository Writing Evaluation rubric (from Lesson 12; one per student)
- Writer’s Glossary for Row 3 of the NYS Rubric (one per student)
- Planning Your Essay sheet (one per student)
- *A Long Walk to Water* (book; one per student)
- What makes a Literary Analysis Essay Effective? anchor chart (from Lesson 11)

**Opening**

A. **Entry Task: Revisit Essay Prompt (2 minutes)**
- Have the following on the board or printed out on half-sheets of paper before students arrive:
  - You are working on an essay using the following prompt: “After reading the novel and accounts of the experiences of the people of Southern Sudan during and after the Second Sudanese Civil War, write an essay that addresses the theme of survival by answering the question: What factors made survival possible for Sylva in *A Long Walk to Water*? Support your discussion with evidence from the novel.”
  - What have you already done to get ready to write your *Long Walk to Water* essay?
- When students are finished, cold call several students for their thinking. Listen for: “We have picked out some details,” “We have got a claim,” “We have read a model essay several times,” or “We have talked about a rubric.”

B. **Introducing Learning Targets (3 minutes)**
- Read the targets aloud to students and ask them to give a thumbs-up/-down to indicate if they understand each target. At this point they should recognize the language of the first target from the Odell organizer work in Lesson 13. Remind them they have already looked at the model essay on *A Long Walk to Water* in Lessons 11 and 12 (the second learning target), and have worked with the NYS rubric in Lessons 12 and 13.
- Discuss any of the targets that students do not understand—indicated by their thumbs-down.

**Meeting Students’ Needs**
- Developing self-assessment and reflection supports all learners.
- Discussing and clarifying the language of learning targets helps build academic vocabulary.

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| **A. Revisiting Model Essay: Supporting Details (10 minutes)** | • Asking students to identify challenging vocabulary helps them to monitor their understanding of a complex text. When students annotate the text by circling these words it can also provide a formative assessment for the teacher.  
• Providing models of expected work supports all learners but especially supports challenged learners. |
| Say something like: “Over the past two days we have been looking at the model essay and the first two rows of the NYS rubric for writing. Today we are going to talk about Row 3 of the NYS rubric, which is about how an essay is organized and if it expresses complex ideas well. This is the most complicated part of the rubric and the one that is sometimes the hardest to do well. So, to help you see what Row 3 means, we are first going to use the model essay about Salva’s challenges to look at how the essay author organized and explained the details to support his claim.” Emphasize that it is not just having quotes, but the ability to explain them, that really makes an essay strong. “Evidence” is only really evidence when you use it to actually prove something. | |
| Ask students to get out their original copy of the Model Essay: “Challenges Facing a Lost Boy of Sudan,” essay about A Long Walk to Water. Also give them a new copy of the Model Essay: “Challenges Facing a Lost Boy of Sudan” to use for the next two lessons. | |
| Designate Discussion Appointment partnerships for the lesson. Post the following directions on the board for students: | |
| 1. Turn to your partner and reread the model essay looking for the details that support the claim about the challenges Salva faced. Remember, in Lesson 11 you highlighted or underlined the claim in the first paragraph of the essay. Highlight that sentence again on your new copy. | |
| 2. When you have finished rereading the essay, talk about what challenges and details the author used to illustrate the claim. | |
| 3. You and your partner will agree on and highlight the sentence that gives the main challenge in each body paragraph on the model. Then circle the details you picked that illustrate the challenge in each body paragraph. | |
| After about 5 minutes, refocus students whole group. Cold call several pairs to share the challenges they have highlighted and the details that show each challenge. Be sure that they give specific lines in the essay as they discuss the details. | |
| Then say: “Let’s look at how these details are organized. Does anyone see why the essay author would first discuss: | |
| 1. That Salva’s country was at war, | |
| 2. Then that he was alone without his family, | |
| 3. And finally that the country of Sudan is dangerous?” | |
moving with other refugees, the challenge of the country itself was huge.

Work Time (continued)

B. Analyzing NYS Expository Writing Evaluation Rubric Row 3 (10 minutes)

- Ask students to get out their copy of the NYS Expository Writing Evaluation rubric. Tell them that they will be looking at the rubric criteria for coherence and organization, Row 3. Remind them of the routine they have been building over the past few lessons: Ask them to read through that row, circling any words they do not know.

- Distribute the Writer’s Glossary page for Row 3 of the NYS Rubric and compare the words they circled with the ones that are on the dictionary page: coherence/incoherence, style, complex ideas, concepts, precise, appropriate/inappropriate, transitions, unified, enhance, exhibit, predominantly. The glossary page should already have a simple definition for each of the words.

- Have a student volunteer read the words and definitions that are on the dictionary page. Explain a word further if necessary. Be sure to point out the words that are matched with their opposite, i.e., coherence/incoherence, appropriate/inappropriate.

- If students have other words they questioned, ask them to add those to their list and share with the class. See if they can tell what the words mean; if not, give a simple definition.

- Once the words are defined, tell students that this row of the rubric has to do with how well they organize their information and explain the connections between their details and the claim they are making about factors that help Salva survive. Also point out that as writers, they will be working to do this well in all of their writing this year. We will return to Row 3 of the rubric as they learn to write better.

C. “Planning Your Essay” (15 minutes)

- Say something like: “Now that we have looked at one way an author organized an essay, you are going to work on getting your details and support for your claim organized so that you can begin drafting your Long Walk to Water essay tomorrow.” Give each student a copy of the Planning Your Essay sheet. Display a copy using a document camera.

- Invite students to skim this sheet and talk with their partner about what they notice.

- Explain that this is a framework for a whole essay: introduction paragraph, body paragraphs, and conclusion paragraph. Point out these aspects of the Planning Your Essay sheet.

- Point out to students that the essay prompt question is at the top of the sheet, and tell them that they will be working on planning their body paragraphs today. Say: “First, you need to get your claim on the planner. Look at the sheet and find letter ‘g’ under ‘Introduction.’ Write your claim on that line.”
• When students have completed this step, say: “I am going to show you how to use this planner by putting one of the body paragraphs from the model essay in the correct space.” On a document camera, take the topic sentence from the first body paragraph of the model essay and the details in that paragraph and put them in the Planning Your Essay sheet under Body Paragraph.

• As you do the modeling, be sure to clearly separate the evidence—quote or detail from the novel—from the explanation of how that evidence fits the claim.

• Notice that some body paragraphs may not have three pieces of evidence and let students know that is OK. They need to at least have one good piece of evidence, which should be a quote and a clear explanation of that evidence, to make a body paragraph.

• Point out students’ progress; Tell them that now it is time for them to work on their planners, putting in the survival factors (topic sentence) and details (evidence and analysis) for each of their body paragraphs.

• Be sure students have their texts *A Long Walk to Water*.

• Assure them that this is not the final draft of their *Long Walk to Water* essay and that they will be spending more time planning and writing the introduction and conclusion of their papers as well as the body paragraphs. Give students about 10 minutes to plan. Tell them this is enough time to get started so they understand the task clearly; they may not finish, which is fine. Planning writing is hard, but pays off with really good work!

• While students work, circulate and assist them as needed. Also, notice which students are struggling and will need more support to complete the planner and probably the essay. Consider jotting notes on sticky notes as you observe so that you can be sure to support individual students as they write in the coming lessons.

• After about 10 minutes, collect students’ Planning Your Essay sheets if they are finished. Tell students that it is fine if they are not done yet; they may take their Planning Your Essay sheets home with them. Remind them that they must bring these sheets back to class tomorrow because they will be working on them again.
## Closing and Assessment

### Meeting Students’ Needs

**A. Adding to “What Makes a Literary Analysis Essay Effective?” Anchor Chart as Needed (5 minutes)**

- Be sure the What Makes a Literary Analysis Essay Effective? anchor chart is posted. Focus students on this chart, and point out how their learning is growing from lesson to lesson. Remind them that this chart will stay up as a reference for them as they write.

- Invite students to offer any new learning they want to add to this chart. You might prompt them by asking questions like:
  - “What did you realize about the details that you put into your essay?”
  - “Is it OK if the details are not logically organized?”
  - “How should a writer use quotes in an essay?”

- If they do not volunteer, add statements such as: “The details should be in a logical order,” “The quotes should have quotation marks before and after them,” “The quotes should have a page number after them,” and “Each body paragraph needs a topic sentence.”

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## Homework

### Meeting Students’ Needs

**A. Fill in body paragraph 2 on the Planning Your Essay sheet.**

*Note: In Lesson 15, students begin their full draft of their essay. Ideally, they will do this on computers. Arrange necessary technology. (An alternate plan is included for classrooms where word processing is not feasible.)*
### WORDS FROM NEW YORK STATE GRADE 6-8 EXPOSITORY WRITING EVALUATION RUBRIC

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Focusing Question: What factors made survival possible for Sylva in *A Long Walk to Water*?

**Introduction:**
A. Hook to capture the reader’s interest and attention:

B. Name the book and author. Give brief background knowledge to reader:

**Claim/Thesis:**

**II. Body Paragraph 1: Survival Factor**
Topic sentence:

Evidence 1:
Analysis 1:

Evidence 2:
Analysis 2:

Evidence 3:
Analysis 3:

Concluding sentence:
III. Body Paragraph 2: Survival Factor

Topic sentence:

Evidence 1:
Analysis 1:
Evidence 2:
Analysis 2:
Evidence 3:
Analysis 3:
Concluding sentence:

IV. Body Paragraph 3: Survival Factor

Topic sentence:

Evidence 1:
Analysis 1:
Evidence 2:
Analysis 2:
Evidence 3:
Analysis 3:
Concluding sentence:
V. Conclusion Paragraph: summarize and make connections or explain importance

a. Restate claim/thesis

b.
c.
d.
e.
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h.
End of Unit 2 Assessment, Part 1a: Writing Body Paragraphs

Long-Term Targets Addressed (Based on NYSP12 ELA CCLS)

I can cite several pieces of text-based evidence to support an analysis of literary text. (RL.7.1)
I can analyze the development of a theme or central idea throughout a literary text. (RL.7.2)
I can write informative/explanatory texts that convey ideas and concepts using relevant information that is carefully selected and organized. (W.7.2)
I can produce clear and coherent writing that is appropriate to task, purpose and audience. (W.7.4)
I can select evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research. (W.7.9)
I can accurately use seventh-grade academic vocabulary to express my ideas. (L.7.6)

Supporting Learning Targets

- I can organize my details from *A Long Walk to Water* so they support my claim/thesis.
- I can ensure my quotes are accurate and punctuated correctly.

Ongoing Assessment

- Entry task
- Student work on Planning Your Essay organizer
- Exit ticket
- Draft body paragraphs

Agenda

1. **Opening**
   A. Entry Task and Introducing Learning Targets (5 minutes)

2. **Work Time**
   A. Examining Row 4 of NYS Rubric (5 minutes)
   B. Share and Discuss: Student Claims and Plans for Two Body Paragraphs (5 minutes)
   C. Completing Plan for Body Paragraph 3 (10 minutes)
   D. Writing Plan for Body Paragraphs for Essay (15 minutes)

3. **Closing and Assessment**

Teaching Notes

- This lesson continues the scaffolding for the essay draft to be completed in the next lesson. As in Lessons 12–14, this lesson begins with students discussing the criteria on the NYS Expository Writing Evaluation rubric. This lesson completes the introduction to the rubric with a discussion of the Control of Conventions row. Students once again will look at vocabulary in the rubric and talk about the importance of using standard English conventions in their writing.

- Use sensitivity when framing the purpose and value of using standard English in formal academic writing. It is important for students to understand that this formal context requires use of formal written language, while they also clearly hear and feel respect for the many ways they likely use language in other settings. This is particularly important for students whose home language or dialect may be something other than “standard” English. Link this instruction directly to L.7.6: Different situations require different language use, and one way to be “college and career ready” is to know how to move effectively between various styles of oral and written communication.

- Students will have started filling in the information for their first two body paragraphs on their Planning
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| **A. Exit Ticket: Questions You Have about Your Essay**<br>(5 minutes) | Your Essay graphic organizer, and will have a chance to discuss what they have done so far as well as complete the third body paragraph.  
• By sharing the plans for their first two paragraphs, they will have a chance to have a peer act as a reader who will give them some feedback on their thinking. If they need to revise or supply clearer support for their survival factors, they will have an opportunity to do so at this point.  
• Once they have completed plans for the third paragraph, they will begin writing the body paragraphs. This begins Part 1 of the official end of unit assessment, which is students’ best independent on-demand draft of their essay. (Students write the introduction and conclusion in Lesson 16). Consider to what extent you want to support students in this work.  
• For students who struggle with writing, you could have them write a four-paragraph essay instead of a five-paragraph essay. In that case they would plan and write two body paragraphs instead of three.  
• Students will need to refer to many resources during this lesson: See materials list below. Determine an efficient way to help students gather these materials.  
• Ideally, students would draft their essays on computers. Arrange appropriate technology. If this is not possible, have students draft by skipping lines, so they have space to make revisions in future lessons.  
• If your students are not familiar with expectations about computer use in the classroom, explain them during Part C of Work Time.  
• Decide which Discussion Appointment partner you want students to work with during this class. Prepare written directions for Discussion Appointments on chart paper, the board, or for a document reader for Work Time B.  
• Post: Entry ticket, learning targets. |
| **4. Homework**                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| **A. Finish the body paragraphs of your essay. Be sure that the details and quotes you plan to use are correct.** |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
### Lesson Vocabulary
- ensure, accurate; conventions, standard English grammar, emerging, frequent, hinder, minimal

**NOTE:** From Row 3 of the NYS Grade 6–8 Expository Writing rubric.

### Materials
- NYS Grade 6–8 Expository Writing rubric (from Lesson 12; one per student)
- Writer’s Glossary page from Row 4 of the NYS Rubric (one per student)
- *A Long Walk to Water* (book; one per student)
- Students’ Gathering Evidence graphic organizers (from throughout Unit 1 and from Unit 2, Lessons 1-8)
- Survival anchor chart (begun in Lesson 1)
- Students’ Planning Your Essay graphic organizer (begun in Lesson 14)
- Computers (one per student)
- End of Unit 2 Assessment Prompt: *A Long Walk to Water* Essay (introduced in Lesson 10; included again in the supporting materials for this lesson)

### Opening

**A. Entry Task and Introducing Learning Targets (5 minutes)**
- Write the following quote from the NYS Grade 6–8 Expository Writing rubric on the board with the question that follows. (You also could have half-sheets of paper with this information on it to give to students as they enter.)
  
  * "Coherence, Organization and Style: the extent to which the essay logically organizes complex ideas, concepts, and information using formal style and precise language."

  * “What does the word *coherence* mean? What is one thing you can do to make your essay coherent?”

- When students are finished responding in writing to the above, cold call one or two students to get the definition of “coherence.” Then ask two or three students to volunteer ways to make an essay coherent. If you wish, collect these entry tasks to check on student understanding.

- Focus the class on the learning targets. Point out that these targets are the same as those of previous lessons. Read the first target aloud and have students show you a Fist to Five indicating how well they think they are doing with this target.

- Since there are two words that students may not know, *ensure* and *accurate*, call attention to those words and define them if needed before you ask students for a Fist to Five response in learning target 2. If students are not in the three-to-five finger range, ask some to explain their responses. Why are they still feeling insecure with these two targets?

### Meeting Students’ Needs
- Checking in with learning targets helps students self-assess their learning. This research-based strategy supports struggling learners most.
Opening

- Point out that the two words from the learning targets are on the Writer’s Glossary sheet for Lesson 15, which students will get at the start of the next activity. If some students are still insecure, ask others for ideas or give more support to students who need it during Work Time.
- Check for understanding with the second learning target briefly.

Meeting Students’ Needs

Work Time

A. Examining Row 4 of NYS Rubric (5 minutes)
- Ask students to get out their copy of the NYS Expository Writing Evaluation rubric, and give each student the Writer’s Glossary page from Row 4 of the NYS Rubric.
- The vocabulary words from the learning targets and Row 4 of the NYS rubric are already on the Writer’s Glossary page. Ask students to read Row 4 of the rubric and add any other words they want to talk about.
- Go through the words on the Writer’s Glossary page. First ask students if they know the meaning of each word. Then point out the definitions on the Glossary page and discuss if needed.
- When you get to “standard English grammar,” say: “If standard means the way something must be done, how would that relate to the English language?”
- If necessary, you could give an example of “standards” in the gas mileage that cars must meet. Once they give you something like, “Standards must be the rules for English,” point out why a language needs to have rules for how words are put together. Say: “The standards for English mean that anyone in the world can understand what another English speaker is saying or writing if they both know and follow the rules.”
- Point out that their essays should be clear to any English speaker and have to follow the rules of standard English grammar. Ask them to give you a rule or two of English grammar to be sure they understand what you are explaining. If they cannot give examples, you might offer something like these: “Sentences need to have a subject and a verb,” or “In English, we capitalize the first word in a sentence.”
- It is important that students begin to realize why their grammar matters when they write. They may have dialects or local speech patterns and words that are not understandable to English speakers elsewhere. There are many situations—conversations or personal writing—when other forms of English (and of course other languages) are totally fine. However, it is important to distinguish when a situation calls for or requires formal English (this relates to L.7.6). When they speak,

Meeting Students’ Needs

- ELLs may be unfamiliar with more vocabulary words than are mentioned in this lesson. Check for comprehension of general words (e.g., law, peace, etc.) that most students would know.
### Work Time (continued)

- their friends understand, but when they write, they are writing for a larger audience. As authors, it is their responsibility to be sure that readers can understand what they are saying about a topic. This is part of why they have been looking at the model essay so much: to start to get a feel for this more formal standard English.

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## Work Time (continued)

- Circulate as students work, giving assistance as needed and being sure that all are making progress in completing the three paragraphs.

## Closing and Assessment

### A. Exit Ticket: Questions You Have about Your Essay (5 minutes)
- Have the following questions on the board and give students a half-sheet of paper to write their answers.
  - * What problems are you having with your essay?
  - * What help do you need to complete your essay?
- Thank the students and collect their exit tickets.

### Meeting Students’ Needs
- Having students reflect on their own needs allows all of them to express what the teacher might do to help them. The teacher also has the opportunity to determine what individuals may need in the completion phase of their essay drafts.

## Homework

### A. Finish the body paragraphs of your essay. Be sure that the details and quotes you plan to use are correct. Also check that you have a clear topic sentence in each paragraph that names the factor for survival that you are discussing. Check that you have good evidence and explanations of how your evidence supports your survival factor.

_Note: In Lesson 16, students will finish their draft. Plan to offer additional support to those students who will need it to finish their essays. Read the exit tickets from today. They should offer some idea of where students are in their writing and which students are struggling. In some cases, you may be able to answer student questions or give writing assistance with individual notes on the exit tickets themselves. If so, return those tickets to students at the beginning of the next lesson._
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Ex: Standard English conventions mean that anyone who speaks English can understand what is written in English. |
| standard English grammar | 4    | rules for how the English language will be spoken and written  
Ex: In English, the subject of a sentence usually comes before the verb. |
| emerging            | 4    | in an early state of development  
Ex: A student who is an emerging writer is just beginning to learn how to write well. |
| frequent            | 4    | happening or doing something often  
Ex: Frequent spelling mistakes make a writer’s work hard to read and understand. |
| hinder              | 4    | to make it difficult for something to develop or succeed  
Ex: Sentence fragments or run on sentences hinder a reader’s understanding of a piece of writing. |
| valid (opposite: invalid) | 2    | a reason, argument etc that is based on what is reasonable or sensible  
Ex: The idea that South Sudan is a dangerous place is valid.  
Opposite: something that is not logical or reasonable |

Other new words you encountered:
Focusing Question:
“How do individuals survive challenging environments in A Long Walk to Water?”

After reading the novel and accounts of the experiences of the people of Southern Sudan during and after the Second Sudanese Civil War, write an essay that addresses the theme of survival by answering the question: What factors made survival possible for Sylva in A Long Walk to Water? Support your discussion with evidence from the novel and be sure to explain your thinking about how this evidence relates to a factor in Salva’s survival.
## Long-Term Targets Addressed (Based on NYSP12 ELA CCLS)

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## Supporting Learning Targets

- I can write an organized explanatory essay about the theme of survival in *A Long Walk to Water*.
- In my essay, I can support my claim with details and quotes from the novel.

## Agenda

1. **Opening**
   - A. Introducing Learning Targets (5 minutes)
   - B. Review “What Makes a Literary Analysis Essay Effective?” Anchor Chart (5 minutes)

2. **Work Time**
   - A. Examining Introduction and Conclusion Criteria of NYS Rubric (10 minutes)
   - B. Planning Introduction and Conclusion Paragraphs (10 minutes)
   - C. Writing Introduction and Conclusion (15 minutes)

3. **Closing and Assessment**
   - A. Checking in and Collecting Planning Materials and Drafts (5 minutes)

4. **Homework**

## Teaching Notes

- This lesson continues Part 1 of the official end of unit assessment, which is students’ best independent on-demand draft of their essay. (Students write the introduction and conclusion in Lesson 16). Consider to what extent you want to support students in this work.
- This lesson is written assuming the use of computers to draft the essays in order to make revisions in Lesson 19 easier.
- Consider the setup of your classroom if you are using laptops. Because students can distract themselves on computers, think about positioning the desks so that it is easy for you to scan the screens throughout the lesson.
- If your students are not familiar with expectations about computer use in the classroom, explain them at the beginning of Work Time.
- Consider logistics for how students will save and submit their drafts at the end of class: printing, saving to a server, emailing, etc.
- If using computers is not possible in your classroom, have students draft on lined paper, skipping lines to make room for revisions. Consider giving students more time to handwrite.
- Since students will produce this draft independently, this essay draft is used as an assessment for “Content and
## Agenda

A. Catch up on your drafting if necessary. Continue independent reading.

## Teaching Notes

- “Analysis” and “Command of Evidence” on the New York State 6–8 Expository Writing rubric. Plan to return the essay drafts with feedback in Lesson 19.

## Lesson Vocabulary

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## Materials

- What Makes a Literary Analysis Essay Effective? anchor chart (begun in Lesson 11)
- NYS Grade 6–8 Expository Writing rubric (from Lesson 12; one per student)
- Model Essay: “Challenges Facing a Lost Boy of Sudan” (from Lesson 11 and distributed again in Lesson 14; one per student)
- *A Long Walk to Water* (book; one per student)
- Planning Your Essay graphic organizer (students’ completed copies)
- Computers (one per student)

## Opening

A. Introducing Learning Targets (5 minutes)

- Focus the class on the posted learning targets. Tell students that today they will continue to work on the draft of their *A Long Walk to Water* essay. Let them know that you will collect their planners and their essay drafts at the end of class to assess them based on today’s learning targets.
- Read each target aloud, or invite a volunteer student to do so:
  * “I can write an organized explanatory essay about the theme of survival in *A Long Walk to Water*.”
  * “In my essay, I can support my claim with details and quotes from the novel.”
- Give students a moment to think, then turn and talk with a partner:
  * “What seems most important to focus on today in your writing?”
- Remind them that they will get to revise for conventions after they get their first full draft back.

## Meeting Students’ Needs

- One of the goals of the scaffolding in the previous lessons is to support all students in writing their essays, including SPED and ELL students. As much as possible, this draft should be done independently. However, there is space during Work Time to check in with students who need more support.
### Opening (continued)

**B. Review “What Makes an Essay Effective?” Anchor Chart (5 minutes)**
- Invite students to look at the What Makes a Literary Analysis Essay Effective? anchor chart. Review the criteria for strong essays, especially focused on the introduction and conclusion of the essay.
- Point out any criteria that are particularly important or challenging.

### Meeting Students’ Needs
- Consider allowing SPED and ELL students more time to complete their draft.

### Work Time

**A. Examining Introduction and Conclusion Criteria of NYS Rubric (10 minutes)**
- Ask students to look at their NYS rubric and point to the criteria in Row 1, Column 3 on the rubric that is focused on the introduction of an essay. Circulate around the room and make sure students are pointing to the Content and Analysis row where it says: “clearly introduce a topic in a manner that follows from the task and purpose.”
- Review learning about the first paragraph of the essay from Lesson 12, such as: “The beginning should be interesting,” or “The essay must match and answer the focusing question.”
- Then invite students to look at Row 3, Column 3 on the rubric again, this time to find criteria about the conclusion. They should point to: “provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the topic and information presented.” Review the meaning of concluding statement—the paragraph that wraps up the main ideas and supporting details of an essay.
- Ask students to look at the Model Essay “Challenges Facing a Lost Boy of Sudan.” Have them reread the final paragraph (either on their own or invite a volunteer to read aloud): “Despite the challenges of war, losing his family, and having to walk across Southern Sudan, Salva did survive…. His life can be an inspiration to all of us because it shows that we can overcome many things that would try to discourage and defeat us.”
- Think-Pair-Share: Direct students to think silently about how this conclusion fulfills the criteria of the rubric: “provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the topic and information presented.” After about a minute, have students turn to their seat partner and share their thinking. Give students two or three minutes to discuss.
- Refocus the class. Cold call on two pairs of students to share what they thought. Listen for responses such as: “The first sentence sums up the three main ideas of the essay,” “It gives information about how Salva helps others to overcome the same challenges,” and “The last line leaves the reader thinking.”
- Point out to students that the introduction and conclusion paragraphs, unlike their body paragraphs, do not have quotes from the text. One of the main points of the introduction and conclusion is for the writer of the essay to share their own
Work Time (continued)

thinking: what they have learned from analyzing the evidence. Point out that this is part of why they have waited to write their introductions and conclusions: All the reading, thinking, talking, and writing they have done over the past few lessons will help students be even clearer about what they really want to tell their readers.

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<td>• Be sure students have their texts <em>A Long Walk to Water</em>. Transition the students to planning their own introduction and conclusion paragraphs using their Planning Your Essay graphic organizer. Say: “Now you have the chance to plan the introduction and conclusion of your essay. Keep the New York State rubric and the model essay out so that you can refer to them as you plan. Before you begin, read over your body paragraphs to remind yourself what ideas you need to introduce in your introduction and what ideas you need to wrap up in your conclusion.”</td>
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<td>• Students will finish planning at different times. Let them know that when they are done, they may begin drafting their introduction and conclusion in the same document in which they drafted their body paragraphs (either in word processing software or on lined paper).</td>
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<td>• As students are working, circulate around the room to support them as needed.</td>
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C. Writing Introduction and Conclusion (15 minutes)

| • As students finish their planning, encourage them to begin typing or handwriting their actual introduction and conclusion paragraphs. | |
| • Remind students to save their work often as they are typing. Let them know in what form (email, printed, saved to server, etc.) they will be turning in their draft at the end of the class. | |
| • Continue to circulate around the room, supporting students when needed or when their hands are raised. | |
| • When there are a few minutes left, remind students to save their work. | |

| • For students who struggle with writing, consider having them orally rehearse their plan before they begin drafting. | |
### Closing and Assessment

A. Checking in and Collecting Planning Materials and Drafts (5 minutes)
   - Give students specific positive praise for behaviors or thinking you noticed during class. Emphasize ways in which they are showing stamina as writers, and specific examples of students who are having strong insights about the theme of the novel.
   - Tell students you look forward to reading their drafts. Collect student drafts and planning work: Forming Evidence-Based Claims sheet and Planning Your Essay.

### Meeting Students’ Needs

### Homework

A. A. Catch up on drafting your essay if necessary. Tell someone at home what you are writing about and what you are learning: about the theme of survival, and about formal essay writing. Continue reading in your independent reading book for this unit at home.

Note: Assess the essay draft for “Content and Analysis” and “Command of Evidence” on the New York State 6–8 Expository Writing rubric. Be prepared by Lesson 19 to return the essay drafts with feedback and the rubric. Focus your feedback on the top two rows of the rubric. But keep an eye out for common organization or convention mistakes in the essays. You can address those in Lesson 19 when students revise.

Lessons 17 and 18 give students time to begin work that will build toward the Final Performance Task—the Two-Voice Poem. (This also allows time for you to review essays and give feedback by Lesson 19.)

Note: No new supporting materials for this lesson.
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Launching the Performance Task: Planning the Two-Voice Poem
Launching the Performance Task: Planning the Two Voice Poem

Long-Term Targets Addressed (Based on NYSP12 ELA CCLS)

I can analyze how an author develops and contrasts the points of view of characters and narrators in a literary text. (RL 7.6)
I can write narrative texts about real or imagined experiences using relevant details and event sequences that make sense. (W 7.3)

Supporting Learning Targets

- I can plan and write a two voice poem that compares and contrasts how Salva and Nya survived in the challenging environment of South Sudan.
- I can gather evidence from *A Long Walk to Water* for my two voice poem.

Ongoing Assessment

- Two voice Poem: Gathering Evidence graphic organizer (middle three columns)

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<td>B. Gathering Textual Evidence from the Novel (15 minutes)</td>
<td>In Lessons 17 and 18, students are introduced to the task of writing their two voice poem. Note that it is preferable but not essential to use this whole period for preparing to write the poem. If some students have not finished their essays, it’s possible to condense the second part of the lesson and build in some writing time. Students who have finished writing the essay could begin their homework during this time.</td>
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| Closing and Assessment | Students select a theme for their poems and gather textual evidence from the novel and from informational texts to support that theme. They will read one new informational text: the Author’s Note in *A Long Walk to Water*. Point out to students that this specific poem is “research-based”. The poem will give them a chance to be creative, but is not just from their imagination. They will cite evidence, staying grounded in the texts they have been reading throughout the module. |
| A. Turn and Talk (5 minutes) | The reading of the Author’s Note has two purposes: to continue to build students’ background knowledge about the historical context of the novel; and, even more important, to help students begin to think of themselves as writers. They, like Linda Sue Park, can and should intentionally craft a message for their readers, so they will be making deliberate decisions about word choice, etc. |

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<td>• The first choice is one they will make today: What do they want their poem to focus on? Selecting a focus at the beginning of the writing process will help them collect evidence from both the novel and informational texts. They are likely to draw on the claims they made in their essays as they choose their themes today. Writing the essay first should have deepened students’ thinking about survival and will help them create more thoughtful, nuanced poems. Help students see the connection between the focus of their essay and the focus of their poem: What message are they trying to send to their readers?</td>
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<td>• Both Parts A and B of Work Time include a teacher think-aloud about what you might write your own two voice poem about. Review this and prepare your think-aloud in advance. Choose a factor for your modeling that will have connections to informational text; strong candidates include water, walking, and aid organizations.</td>
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<td>• Review the Performance Task Prompt and the Two voice Poem rubric. Although students will analyze the rubric before they start composing their poems, being familiar with it yourself will help you more effectively support students as they gather evidence in Lessons 17 and 18.</td>
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Lesson Vocabulary

compare, contrast; (from Author’s Note in A Long Walk to Water)
fictionalized (118), depict (118), duration (118), coalition (118), displaced (118), languished (119), accord (119), autonomy (119)

Materials

• Vocabulary Entry Task (one per student)
• Author’s Note homework assignment (one per student)
• Performance Task Prompt: Two voice Poem (one per student)
• Model Two-Voice Poem: “I Would Do Anything” (one per student)
• Two voice Poem Rubric (Look ahead to Unit 3, Lesson 3 for actual rubric; see Teaching Note above)
• Two voice Poem: Gathering Evidence graphic organizer (one per student)
• Two voice Poem: Gathering Evidence graphic organizer (for Teacher Reference)
• A Long Walk to Water (book; one per student)
• Salva/Nya anchor chart (begun in Lesson 2)
• Survival anchor chart (begun in Lesson 1)
• Students’ Gathering Textual Evidence graphic organizer, all chapters (from Lessons 3–9; students’ completed copies)
• Students’ Reader’s Notes, all chapters (from Lessons 2–9; students’ completed copies)

Opening

A. Vocabulary Entry Task (10 minutes)
• Post the Vocabulary Entry Task in advance:
  * “Some of the details in this story have been fictionalized, but the major events depicted are based on Salva’s own experiences.”

  1. What do the words fictionalized and depicted remind you of? What do you think they mean?
  2. Rewrite the sentence in your own words.

  • After students have completed the task, cold call several of them to share their thinking. Ask them:
    * “What do you think the root word in fictionalized is? How did that help you figure out what this word means?”
  • Listen for students to mention fiction, and clarify that this is a made-up, imaginary story.

Meeting Students’ Needs
* “What is the root word for *depict*?”

### Opening (continued)

- Listen for someone to say, “picture.” Share that the root word “pict” is from the Latin for paint. Ask them how the meaning of *depict* relates to painting. Listen for them to connect an actual painting with describing something in words so that it can be seen just as a painting is seen.
- Distribute the Author’s Note homework assignment, calling students’ attention to the words that are defined for them, and also placing this assignment in the larger context of the class’s shift from thinking primarily as readers of a literary text to thinking primarily as authors of a literary text.

### Work Time

A. Introducing Performance Task and Selecting Organizing Ideas (15 minutes)

- Celebrate the strong work that students have done in their essays. Comment on the strengths you have noticed in how they analyzed the novel. Tell them that in a few days, they will have a chance to revise the essay they wrote, but that you’ll need a few days to look over their work and give them feedback.
- Tell them that in the meantime, they will start preparing to write another piece. Direct their attention to the learning targets and explain that they will be writing a two voice poem that compares and contrasts Salva’s and Nya’s experiences, especially as they relate to survival in South Sudan.
- Just as Park got to think about what she really wanted to communicate about Salva, Nya, and the Sudan, students will get to choose some important ideas and craft and perform a poem that communicates them. Highlight that writing this poem is a chance for students to use their creativity and encourage other people, especially people who don’t know about Sudan or haven’t read the novel, to understand more about the situation there and how it affects teenagers. This is a good time to build enthusiasm by discussing the format or venue in which students will share their final work.
- Turn and talk:
  * “What is one thing you have learned in this module that you think it is important for other teenagers to know?”
- Distribute the Performance Task Prompt: Two voice Poem and the Model Two voice Poem. Ask students to follow along while you read the poem out loud once all the way through.
- Then ask seat partners to read the poem out loud: One person reads character A, the other person reads character B, and

### Meeting Students’ Needs

- This read-aloud builds a familiarity with the structure of a two voice poem in a way that hearing it read by one person or reading it silently cannot do.
they choral read the parts in the middle.

- Remind them that they are both reading the parts in the middle because both characters can say those statements. Check

### Work Time

Their understanding by asking:
- “Would the center column count as a comparison or a contrast between the two characters?”
- Listen for them to remember that comparing means noticing similarities and differences, while contrasting means noticing differences. Remind students that they discussed the difference between comparing and contrasting earlier in their studies (Unit 1, Lesson 4).

- After students have read the poem, ask them to read the Performance Task Prompt and underline the main aspects of the task.

- Think-Pair-Share:
  - “How will a two voice poem allow you to compare and contrast Salva and Nya?”
  - “How will you use the novel and informational texts?”

- Listen for students to notice that one side will be Salva, the other side will be Nya, and the middle will be the things they have in common. Listen for students also to notice that they will use evidence from various informational texts they have read, as well as from the novel.

- Tell students that all strong pieces of writing have a focus and a purpose. In their essays, they made a claim about survival and supported it with evidence. In order to write a strong poem, they will also need a focus, and they can choose several ideas to focus on. Tell students that they may use some of the thinking they did for the essay in this poem.

- Reread the part of the Performance Task Prompt that directs them to focus on ways that Salva and Nya survived, as well as the part that requires they use evidence from both the novel and informational texts. Tell them that today they will be choosing which factors in survival they want to write about.

- Direct students’ attention to the Survival anchor chart. Explain that ideas that are starred have evidence in both informational texts and the novel. Today they need to choose one to three factors in survival that their poem will center on. At least one factor they choose must have a star.

- Think aloud about how you might select one, highlighting what is compelling, significant, and well-understood by you (the hypothetical writer). Refer to the Salva/Nya anchor chart as you think aloud, to show students how an author sometimes chooses a very specific moment and then builds out from there to a theme.
Launching the Performance Task: Planning the Two Voice Poem

For the modeling you do in this lesson, you may wish to use the example on the Two voice Poem: Gathering Evidence graphic organizer (teacher’s edition), or you may generate one of your own. In either case, plan to model the outer columns of the chart in Lesson 18 with the same factor you are modeling here in Lesson 17. Also, plan to write down your work as you model (or use a filled in graphic organizer) and leave it posted so students can refer to it as they work.

Distribute the Two voice Poem: Gathering Evidence graphic organizer.

Turn and talk:
* “Which factors do you want to focus on in your poem? Why?”

Ask students to choose from one to three factors in survival they will focus on, and to write them in the middle column of the graphic organizer. Invite several students to share their choices and the reasons behind those choices. Help the class notice that writers often begin by selecting ideas that move, inspire, or intrigue them – the job of the piece of writing is to share not just the idea, but the feeling that those ideas gave the writer.

### B. Gathering Textual Evidence from the Novel (15 minutes)

- When all students have chosen a few survival factors to focus on, model briefly how they will use the Salva/Nya chart and the Gathering Textual Evidence graphic organizer (the one they used to gather quotes about survival in *A Long Walk to Water*) to fill out the two columns on either side of the middle column.
- As you model, write up your example where students will be able to refer to it. Be clear about when you are paraphrasing or summarizing (usually) or where you are noting quotations (rarely, and limited to particularly powerful use of language by the author). Choose a factor for your modeling that will have connections to informational text; strong candidates include water, walking, and aid organizations.
- After you model, tell the students that now they will now have about 10 minutes to do this work for their own ideas. Be sure students have their texts *A Long Walk to Water*. Direct the students to use the Salva/Nya chart, their Reader’s Notes, and their Gathering Textual Evidence graphic organizer to add ideas to the two columns on their own charts. Set a goal for them to accomplish by the end of the period. For example, you might encourage them to find an example for Salva and an example for Nya for one factor. Assure them that they will have time to revisit this chart in the next lesson.
- Consider collecting these charts and look them over before the next lesson, to make sure that all students have made choices that will ensure they can write strong poems. Lesson 18 includes a time for students to read over any feedback, as well as a time when you could confer with students who need extra support in selecting a focus.

- During this work time, you may want to pull a small group of students to support in finding evidence from the novel. Some students will need more guided practice before they are ready for independent work.
Closing and Assessment

A. Turn and Talk (5 minutes)
- Ask students to turn and talk:
  * “Compare the essay and the poem.”
- Cold call a few pairs of students to share their thoughts. Listen for them to notice that both the essay and the poem focus on survival and require the use of textual evidence; that the essay is about Salva and the poem about Salva and Nya; that the poem uses the novel and informational text; and that a poem is trying to convey experience rather than make an argument.

Homework

A. Read the Author’s Note and complete the Author’s Note homework assignment.
Please complete this task individually. Please refer to the pages you read last night for homework and to your Reader’s Dictionary.

“Some of the details in this story have been fictionalized, but the major events depicted are based on Salva’s own experiences.”
(A Long Walk to Water, Author’s Note, page 118)

1. What do the words fictionalized and depicted remind you of? What do you think they mean?

2. Rewrite the sentence in your own words.
Name
Date:

Read the Author’s Note in *A Long Walk to Water*. Answer the questions below.

**Vocabulary:**
- *duration*: length of time that something continues
- *coalition*: two groups working together to form a government
- *languished*: forced to remain and unhappy about it
- *accord*: agreement

What does *displaced* mean? How can you tell?

What does *autonomy* mean? How can you tell?

What research did Park do in order to write this book? What were her major sources of information?

What is the connection between the Second Sudanese Civil War and the Lost Boys?

How was the civil war settled?

What is Salva doing now?
Theme: How leaders help their people

Focus: Leaders help people to make change

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<td>For my family, I would do anything.</td>
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<td>“You only need to walk as far as those bushes, Salva.”(53)</td>
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“Water for South Sudan: Schools.” © Water for South Sudan, Inc. Used by permission.
We have read a novel about South Sudan and some articles with factual information about the country, its peoples, and the Second Sudanese Civil War. Now you will have a chance to share what you have learned by writing a research-based two voice poem spoken by Nya and Silva that expresses your ideas about how these characters survived in challenging environments. In your poem you will be using details and quotes from *A Long Walk to Water* and the articles about Sudan.

Criteria for strong poems:

- Your poem explains at least one way that Salva and Nya survived in a challenging environment.
- Your poem includes lines spoken by Nya and Silva: specific lines spoken separately by each character, plus lines spoken by both characters together.
- In addition to lines you suppose the characters might say, your poem includes specific textual evidence from *A Long Walk to Water*.
- Your poem will also include quotes and details from the informational articles you read that show how Salva and Nya’s story connects to the larger context.
- You must organize your poem so it clearly expresses your view of the characters and their situations.
- You must pay attention to the details of standard English conventions appropriate to your poem.
- You must use punctuation and formatting correctly in the quotes and citations of sources.
- On a separate page, you will include citations for the quotes that you use.
## Two voice Poem Gathering Evidence Graphic Organizer

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<td>Drilling a well requires equipment that can drill a borehole well, which is a well that goes down hundreds of feet to an aquifer. Villages cannot do this on their own because they do not have the expertise or the equipment. Water for South Sudan believes that by working with villagers to help them drill a well, they will make it possible for the villagers to improve their own lives in many ways. (waterforsouthsudan.org)</td>
<td>Salva’s organization, Water for South Sudan, drilled a well in Nya’s town. The well would make her life better: She would not get sick from dirty water like her sister, and she would be able to go to school. When Nya found out a school would be built, “She felt as if she were flying.” (104)</td>
<td>Aid organizations</td>
<td>Salva lived for a number of years in refugee camps in Kenya that were run by aid organizations. He learned English from an aid worker named Michael. An aid organization helped him resettle in the United States. (A Long Walk to Water, Author’s Note)</td>
<td>Many other boys, like Salva, fled the fighting in Sudan and ended up in refugee camps. Many of them were helped by aid organizations to resettle in the United States.</td>
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<td>In many places in South Sudan, people do not have access to clean water. Women and girls often carry water. (<a href="http://waterforsouthsudan.org">waterforsouthsudan.org</a>)</td>
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<td>Persistence</td>
<td>Salva kept trying to find a better place—she was in three refugee camps and then came to the United States. Of his decision to leave the first refugee camp, the book says, “He had heard of another refugee camp, far to the south and west, where he hoped things would be better.” (85)</td>
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Grade 7: Module 1: Unit 2: Lesson 18
Gathering Textual Evidence for the Two-Voice Poem (Author’s Note)
Long-Term Targets Addressed (Based on NYSP12 ELA CCLS)

I can cite several pieces of text-based evidence to support an analysis of informational text. (RI 7.1)
I can compare and contrast a fictional and historical account of a time, place, or character. (RL 7.9)
I can write narrative texts about real or imagined experiences using relevant details and event sequences that make sense. (W 7.3)

Supporting Learning Targets

- I can plan and write a two-voice poem that compares and contrasts how Salva and Nya survived in the challenging environment of South Sudan.
- I can gather evidence from informational texts for my two-voice poem.

Ongoing Assessment

- Two-Voice Poem: Gathering Evidence graphic organizer (outer two columns)

Agenda

Opening
A. Vocabulary Entry Task (5 minutes)

Work Time
A. Modeling: Gathering Evidence from Informational Texts (10 minutes)
B. Independent Practice: Gathering Evidence from Informational Texts (25 minutes)

Closing and Assessment
A. Turn and Talk: Reading Closely for Details (5 minutes)

Homework
A. Finish the Two-Voice Poem: Gathering Evidence graphic organizer.

Teaching Notes

- In Lesson 17, students chose a few ideas about survival on which to focus their poems, and gathered details from the novel about Salva and Nya’s experience with this factor in survival.
- In this lesson, students continue to gather details for their poem, but this time also from informational texts. They will reread the informational texts they have used so far and add evidence from these texts to the graphic organizer. This activity ensures that students have synthesized their ideas and various texts before they begin to craft their poem.
- During Part A of Work Time, you again model planning: this time, modeling how to skim various informational texts and then gather evidence from one. Prepare this model, based on the same survival factor you chose for modeling in Lesson 17.
- During Work Time, circulate to confer with students, or begin Work Time by pulling a small group of students whose previous work (Gathering Textual Evidence graphic organizer, first draft of essay) has indicated they struggle with identifying and analyzing textual evidence.
- The debrief provides students with a structure to notice the importance of rereading to find evidence. It also will motivate them to continue to do this for homework.
- In advance: Review the Author’s Note in A Long Walk to Water.
- Create a chart that lists the informational texts the class has read in this module and lists the survival
factors that each addresses (see Unit 1 and 2 overviews).

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<td>model filling out the first row of the organizer for students. In your example,</td>
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Lesson Vocabulary

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<th>(Author’s Note, A Long Walk to Water) genocide (119), referendum (119)</th>
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Materials

- Vocabulary Entry Task (one per student)
- Performance Task Prompt (from Lesson 17)
- Two Voice Poem: Gathering Evidence graphic organizer (from Lesson 17)
- Two Voice Poem Gathering Evidence graphic organizer (for Teacher Reference) (From Lesson 17)
- List of informational texts read in this module (new; teacher-created; see Work Time A)
- Survival anchor chart (begun in Lesson 1)
- Salva/Nya anchor chart (begun in Lesson 2)
- Extra copies of the informational texts that students read throughout this module (if students are not certain to have theirs)
- Odell Education Reading Closely for Details handout (from Lesson 2)

Opening

A. Vocabulary Entry Task (5 minutes)

Post the Vocabulary Entry Task in advance:
1. “What does genocide mean (page 119)? How can you tell?”
2. “What does referendum mean (page 119)? How can you tell?”

- After students have completed the task, cold call several of them to share their thinking. Listen for them to notice that the context needed to define these words comes in the same sentence but after the word, and point out that this is common in informational text. (Be sure students realize that even though the Author’s Note is in the back of the novel, it is an informational text.)
- Direct students’ attention to the word genocide. Tell them that this word is made up of two roots: gen- and -cide. Ask them to raise their hands if they can think of other words that include -cide.
- After at least one-third of the class has their hands up, call on a few students to share their thinking. Explain that gen- is from Greek and Latin meaning race, kind, or class; -cide is from Latin cidere or caedere, meaning to cut down or kill.
- Explain how you can put those two words together to figure out the meaning of genocide: to deliberately kill a nation or ethnic group of people. Write several more words with the root -cide on the board and ask students to talk with a partner...
# Opening

- about what they mean: homicide, suicide, pesticide.

- Call on several students to define these words and explain how they figured them out.

- Collect or check the homework.

- Preview the lesson, telling students that today they will add evidence from informational texts to their **Two Voice Poem Gathering Evidence graphic organizer**. Remind them of the requirement on the **Performance Task Prompt** that they include evidence from both the novel and the informational texts. If appropriate, tell them that they will also be able to add more information from the novel to their graphic organizer (this depends on how far they got in Lesson 17).

- Direct their attention to the learning targets, helping them notice that today they will work specifically on the second one:
  
  * "I can gather evidence from informational texts for my two-voice poem."

- In the Author’s Note, they read about how Linda Sue Park used historical information to write her novel *A Long Walk to Water*. Today students are preparing to be authors. They will do something similar to what Park did: They will read through their informational texts to decide which information will enrich and inform the ideas they are communicating in their two-voice poems.

# Work Time

## A. Modeling: Gathering Evidence from Informational Texts (10 minutes)

- Using the same survival factor you modeled with in Lesson 17, model for students how you would find evidence in one informational text that connects to those parts of Salva and Nya’s story. You may wish to use the example on the **Two Voice Poem Gathering Evidence graphic organizer (for Teacher Reference)** or create one of your own.

- As you model, think aloud about deciding which informational text to use (refer students to the list of informational texts you made), skimming that text to find the section that is relevant, rereading that section carefully, and pulling evidence and quotes that connect closely to the story of Salva and Nya that is on your chart.

- As you model, use a physical copy of the informational text: You want students to see you rereading, not just hear you say that you will. It is worth being dramatic here: Move your finger across the text to show how you skim quickly, then how you read one section more slowly.

- Focus on one informational text that seems most relevant. Highlight for students that you are looking for historical
### Work Time (continued)

- When you add evidence to the chart, be clear about whether you are paraphrasing, summarizing, or quoting, and why. Also make sure to show students how you are noting the source of your information or quote.

- After you model for one piece of evidence from one informational text, ask students to name the strategies you used to complete the graphic organizer. Make sure they notice both the use of rereading and of paraphrasing, and that they can name that they should look for historical information that connects directly to the evidence from the novel, not directly to the middle column.

### Meeting Students’ Needs

- Consider using a document camera to visually display the document for students who struggle with auditory processing.

- Providing models of expected work supports all learners but especially supports challenged learners.

- It may be helpful to direct struggling readers to specific parts of the informational text. It is more beneficial to them to spend time grappling with how to connect a particular section of text to an idea on their graphic organizer than to spend time looking for a passage in a piece of text.

### B. Independent Practice: Gathering Evidence from Informational Texts (25 minutes)

- Return students’ Two Voice Poem Gathering Evidence graphic organizer and remind them to look for any feedback or direction from you about how to proceed.

- Direct students to put a check mark by the factor on their chart for which they are sure they can find evidence in informational texts.

- Give students a few minutes to talk with their seat partners:
  
  * “Which text will you reread?”
  * “Where in that text will you focus? Why?”

- Then invite students to work individually for 10 minutes while you circulate and confer. Alternately, you may choose to pull a small group to work with during this time. If you have students who have consistently struggled with finding evidence in informational text, or whose struggles with organization will make finding the right source hard for them, you can scaffold this step by making it guided practice.
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<td>• After about 10 minutes, pause the class to notice and name some positive work you have seen. You could share a strong example from a student’s work, name careful rereading, notice accurate paraphrasing, etc.</td>
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<td>• Once you know that all students are comfortable finding evidence from informational text, you may want to give them some flexibility regarding how they work on the graphic organizer. Students who need to add evidence from the novel may prefer to do that before they add more evidence from informational texts. They will be completing this work at home, so use your judgment to make sure they use their class time for the part of the work with which they are most likely to need support.</td>
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<td>• Tell them that they will be filling out the rest of this sheet in a few days so that they can plan for their essays.</td>
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<td>• Remind the students they have 10 minutes left to work, and ask them to talk with their seat partner once more:</td>
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<td>* What factor will you work on for this 10 minutes?”</td>
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<td>* “What text will you reread in order to gather evidence on this factor?”</td>
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<td>• Have the class work silently for another 10 minutes while you circulate and confer. As you confer, push students to articulate the connection between the detail from the novel and the informational text. Ask them how a particular detail from the informational text will help them more fully explain how Salva and Nya survived. Also check that they are paraphrasing or quoting thoughtfully. For example, ask:</td>
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<td>* “Why did you choose to use the author’s words here?”</td>
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<td>• Thank students for their hard work today, noticing how rereading has helped them gather the details that will make their poems compelling and original.</td>
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<td>• Add bullet here: As students complete the Two Voice Poem Gathering Evidence graphic organizer, collect it. Some students may finish in class; others will finish for homework and you can collect their work at the start of Unit 2, Lesson 19.</td>
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### Closing and Assessment

**A. Turn and Talk: Reading Closely for Details (5 minutes)**

- Post the following questions on the board. Ask students to locate their Reading Closely for Details handout.
- Invite students to turn and talk with a partner about their answers:
  - “What rereading strategies are you using to find textual evidence?”
  - “Look at the Reading Closely for Details handout, and in particular look at the last row. How does rereading help strong readers analyze detail?”
  - “What texts will you look at tonight?”
  - “What are you hoping to find evidence about?”
- Cold call a few pairs to share their responses to each question.
- Preview homework.

### Homework

**A. Finish adding evidence from the informational text and the novel to your Two-Voice Poem graphic organizer.**

*Note: Be prepared to return students' draft essays (from Lesson 16), which they will revise during Lesson 19 as Part 2 of their End of Unit Assessment. Provide specific, focused feedback on Rows 1 and 2 of the NYS rubric.*

*Before Unit 3, Lesson 2, review the students’ Two Voice Poem Gathering Evidence graphic organizers. Make sure all students have successfully set a focus and gathered ideas for their poem. To help students prepare for the end of unit 3 assessment, consider providing them with specific feedback about how well their evidence from informational text matches the aspects of Salva and Nya’s story on which they are focusing.*
Please complete this task individually. Refer to the Author’s Note in *A Long Walk to Water*.

What does *genocide* mean (p. 119)? How can you tell?

What does *referendum* mean (p. 119)? How can you tell?
Grade 7: Module 1: Unit 2: Lesson 19
End of Unit 2 Assessment, Part 2: Revise Essay Drafts
Long-Term Targets Addressed (Based on NYSP12 ELA CCLS)

I can write informative/explanatory texts that convey ideas and concepts using relevant information that is carefully selected and organized. (W.7.2)
With support from peers and adults, I can use a writing process to ensure that purpose and audience have been addressed. (W.7.5)
I can quote or paraphrase others' work while avoiding plagiarism. (W.7.8)
I can use a standard format for citation. (W.7.8)
I can select evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research. (W.7.9)
I can use correct grammar and usage when writing or speaking. (L.7.1)
I can use correct capitalization, punctuation, and spelling to send a clear message to my reader. (L.7.2)
I can accurately use seventh-grade academic vocabulary to express my ideas. (L.7.6)

Supporting Learning Targets

- I can write a clear and organized analysis essay that makes a valid claim about the theme of *A Long Walk to Water*.
- I can support my claim with details and quotes from *A Long Walk to Water*.
- I can use quotes correctly in my essay.
- I can use correct grammar and punctuation in my essay.
- I can use feedback from others to revise and improve my essay.
- I can use new vocabulary appropriately in my essay.

Ongoing Assessment

- Students' final essays
- Essay drafts and planner sheets

Agenda

1. Opening
   A. Review Learning Targets (5 minutes)

2. Work Time
   A. Mini-Lesson: Addressing Common Errors (5 minutes)
   B. Return Draft Essays with Feedback (5 minutes)
   C. Essay Revision (28 minutes)

Teaching Notes

- In this lesson, there are 5 minutes set aside to address common mistakes you may have noticed while grading student essays. A sample structure is provided here. Focus the lesson on a common conventions error you noticed as you assessed the draft essays.
- Some students may need more help revising than others. There is space for this during the revision time.
- As in Lesson 16, consider the setup of the classroom; students ideally will be working on computers.
- If students did not use computers to draft their essays in Lesson 16, consider giving them more time to
### Agenda

3. **Closing and Assessment**
   - A. Previewing Unit 3 (2 minutes)

4. **Homework**
   - A. Finalize your essay.

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<td>• Since not all students may finish their revisions during this class, have students email their files, check out a computer, or come in during an off period or after school to finish. Consider extending the due date for students who do not have access to a computer at home.</td>
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<td>• In advance: Look over the graded essays and find a common conventions error. Craft a mini-lesson to address the error (a sample structure is provided in the lesson).</td>
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Materials

- Document camera
- What Makes a Literary Analysis Essay Effective? anchor chart (begun in Lesson 11)
- Tips on Using Quotes (from Lesson 11; students’ copies)
- *A Long Walk to Water* (book; one per student)
- Computers

Opening

**A. Review Learning Targets (5 minutes)**

- Review the first two learning targets:
  - I can write a clear and organized analysis essay that makes a valid claim about the theme of *A Long Walk to Water*.
  - I can support my claim with details and quotes from *A Long Walk to Water*.
- Remind students that their draft essays have already been assessed for these learning targets. This drafting related to Rows 1 and 2 of the NYS rubric.
- Now invite students to read the other learning targets. Ask students to work with their seat partners. Assign each pair a learning target to discuss. Prompt with questions like:
  - “What does the learning target mean?”
  - “What does it look like to meet this learning target?”
- Give students 1 or 2 minutes to discuss.
- Cold call on pairs to explain to the class what their learning target means.
- Let students know that they should focus their revisions on meeting these learning targets.

Meeting Students’ Needs

- Some SPED or ELD students may need more scaffolding to revise. It can be helpful to give their feedback as a set of step-by-step instructions. For instance:
  1. The circled words are misspelled. Get a dictionary and use it to correct the circled words.
  2. The underlined sentences are run-ons. Find them and correct them by adding a full stop and capitalizing the first letter of the new sentence.

Work Time
### A. Mini-Lesson: Addressing Common Errors (5 minutes)
- Tell students that you noticed a common error in their essays (for instance, comma splices or inconsistent capitalization).
- On the document camera or white board, show an example of the error. Explain why it is incorrect.
- Model how to revise and correct the error.
- Check for understanding. Ask students to give you a thumbs-up if they understand the error and how to fix it when revising, or a thumbs-down if they don’t understand fully.
- If many students give a thumbs-down, show another example of the error. Ask students to think about how to fix it.
- Cold call on a student to suggest how to correct it. If the answer is incorrect, clarify. Again ask students to give you a thumbs-up/-down. If some students are still struggling, consider checking in with them individually.

### B. Return Draft Essays with Feedback (5 minutes)
- Tell students that they will be getting their essays back now with comments on them. They should look over the comments and make sure they understand them. Invite students to raise their hands to ask questions if they have them. Alternatively, create a “Help List” on the white board and invite students to add their names to it if they need questions answered.
- Return students’ draft essays.
- Ask students if they think anything should be added to the What Makes a Literary Analysis Essay Effective? anchor chart. If needed, invite students to add other criteria to the chart.
- Have students take out their Tips on Using Quotes handout to refer to if they have errors related to their use of quote which need to be revised.

### C. Essay Revision (28 minutes)
- Be sure students have their texts *A Long Walk to Water*.
- Revisit expectations for using computers.
- Assign computers, and then prompt students to open the word processing program and make revisions.
- Circulate around the room, addressing student questions. Consider checking in first with students who need extra support to make sure they can use their time well.
- When a few minutes are left, ask students to save their work.
### Closing and Assessment

**A. Previewing Unit 3 (2 minutes)**
- Tell students that their finished essay is due at the beginning of class tomorrow, along with their essay drafts and planners.
- Tell the class that the final draft of this essay marks the end of Unit 2. Next, they will focus on the performance task: a two-voice poem. Students have already been preparing for this creative writing by gathering evidence from the novel and the informational texts they have read throughout the module. Get students excited for this final writing piece: It’s a great opportunity for them to demonstrate all they have learned about the world, the theme of survival, and the craft of using juxtaposition.

### Homework

**A. Finish the final draft of your essay to turn in tomorrow, along with the first draft, rubric, and planners.**

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**Note:** No new supporting materials for this lesson.