

CHAPTER 8

Vocabulary/Definition/Content CC Language 4

monotonous	“The scenery and motion were so monotonous that Salva might have slept...” adj. boring, repetitive
gauge	“He kept himself awake by counting the strokes of Uncle’s paddle and trying to gauge how far the canoe traveled with every twenty strokes.” v. measure
mangoes	“As a special treat, his father sometimes bought mangoes .” n. the oblong, sweet fruit of a tropical tree
ferried	“So Salva’s father ferried the mangoes home by wedging them into the spokes of his bicycle wheels.” v. transported, carried
desperate	“...Salva slapped and waved at them in desperate frustration all night long.” adj. extreme

Question/Predict/Evaluate CC Reading 1

2008

1. Explain how Akeer’s laugh “was like music.” What caused her illness? Is the solution within the means of the family?

1985

2. What wonders were found on the island?
3. How do the villagers get food without any money?
4. Why don’t they become nauseous again with this food?
5. Describe Salva’s good memories.
6. What do the fishermen know about the night that the travelers do not? How are they affected?
7. Of all the elements Salva has faced, which do you think is the worst? How could the Akobo Desert that lies ahead be the worst?

Extending the Story CC Reading 1, 7, 9 CC Writing 7, 8, 9

1. The fishermen of the Nile solved the problem of the mosquitoes with netting and channels they dug from inside the nets. Read the following article about malaria proof mosquitoes <http://www.theatlanticwire.com/opinions/view/opinion/Malaria-Proof-Mosquito-Celebrated-by-Scientists-Journalists-4395> . What did you learn? Is this a logical solution for Africa?
2. What problems occupy the minds of people in the U.S. and in other countries? Use the news media to aid your research. Propose solutions for these problems.

CHAPTER 9

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relentless

eternal

relief

“The sun was **relentless** and **eternal**: there was neither wisp of cloud nor whiff of breeze for **relief**.” adj. severe, harsh adj. never ending n. the easing of a burden or distress, such as pain, anxiety, or oppression.

arid

“Each minute of walking in that **arid** heat felt like an hour.” adj. without moisture

parched

“His lips became cracked and **parched**.”
adj. dried out by heat or excessive exposure to sunlight

sobs

“Salva lifted his head, the **sobs** interrupted by surprise.” n. loud weeping

tamarind

“He took out a **tamarind** and handed it to Salva.”
n. the fruit of a tropical Asian evergreen tree

Question/Predict/Evaluate CC Reading 1

2008

1. How does the village chief welcome strangers? What do you think they want?

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2. How is the Akobo the worst element yet for the villagers to survive?

3. How does uncle encourage Salva to keep walking? What might have happened to Salva without his uncle? How could you apply Uncle’s strategy in your own life?

4. What do they find when they reach other people in the desert?

5. What is the choice faced here? Would you give water to the men? What is the right thing to do?

6. Will some have to die for the others to survive?

Extending the Story CC Reading 2, 4

1. This chapter is very powerful because of the serious subject and the difficulties that Salva must overcome. What one phrase or sentence in this chapter best summarizes the main idea or theme?

2. Explain your thinking.

3. As a continuous project, do the same with each future chapter.