

CHAPTER 16

Vocabulary/Definition/Content CC Language 4

aquifer	“After the excitement of seeing the first spray of water from the aquifer , the villagers went back to work.” n. an underground bed or layer of earth, gravel, or porous stone that yields water
vague	“He had a vague idea that he would like to return to Sudan someday, to help the people who lived there.” adj. unclear, uncertain
relief agency	“The cousin was working for a relief agency in Zimbabwe.” n. an organization dedicated to delivering aid
clinic	“...United Nations clinic ...your father...stomach surgery...” n. a facility, often associated with a hospital or medical school, that is devoted to the diagnosis and care of outpatients for little or no fee
remote	“The clinic where his father was covering was in a remote part of southern Sudan.” adj. secluded
arrangements	“With the war still raging, it was very difficult to make the arrangements .” n. plans, preparations
frantic	“At times Salva felt almost frantic at the delays and frustrations.” adj. desperate, frantic

Question/Predict/Evaluate CC Reading 1

2009

1. What is your best guess on what the men are going to build?

1997-2003

2. By opening his email, what does Salva show you about his development in America?
3. What are the difficulties involved in Salva reconnecting with his father?
4. What are the many risks Salva is taking in order to find his father?
5. Write as many “what ifs” as you can at the end of this chapter. (Example: What if Salva’s father has died? What if Salva is not allowed to return to the US?)
6. What would you like to see happen in the next chapter?

Extending the Story CC Writing 7, 8,

1. List Salva’s personal qualities and a specific example from his past that illustrates this quality. What positions could Salva qualify for if he were to look for a part time job?
2. The United Nations has been in existence since 1945. Research the history of the UN and its purpose. What is its role in Sudan?

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contaminated

digestive

guinea worms “Years of drinking **contaminated** water had left Mawien Dut’s entire **digestive** system riddled with **guinea worms**.” adj. impure, unclean
adj. pertaining to the breaking down of food
n. a parasite found mostly in Africa infected through standing water

pronunciation “What if he made mistakes in **pronunciation**?”

n. a way of speaking a word that is understood

reality “Would he ever be able to turn his idea into **reality**?” n. an actual thing or fact

Question/Predict/Evaluate CC Reading 1

2009

1. How close were your predictions on what building would be put up first? Why does Nya ask if the girls can go to school too? How does having water change everything for her people?

2003-2007

2. Was the reunion of Salva and his father what you expected? Explain.
3. How is it possible that so much of his family is still alive? Why didn’t they give up hope?
4. Should Salva take the risk and return to Lou Ariik? Would you?
5. What do you believe his idea is to help his people?
6. Why is Salva the best person to speak about his idea? Does his audience care about his speaking skills?
7. What would make people donate money to Salva?

Extending the Story CC Reading 4, 5, 7 CC Writing 2, 10 CC Speaking and Listening 1, 2, 3, 5

1. Our president, Barack Obama is an excellent speaker and many people believe his words and speaking style inspire them. Find a recent speech given by President Obama and analyze the words he uses. How do they inspire?
2. Watch a news channel that shows President Obama speaking. What makes him a good speaker? What could Salva learn by watching our president? Salva Dut once said “When you speak well, people will choose you to be leader.” Do you agree with this?
3. Make a list of all the challenges President Obama faces as president today. Use the news media to help.