

# 8th Grade ELA Summer Assignment

Due no later than Friday, September 5, 2025

Read the novel:

## *A Long Walk to Water* by Linda Sue Park

Note: A copy of the novel is provided to students.. This copy is the property of the school and is signed out to you. It must be returned in good condition in September or you will need to replace it.

Complete the following:

### PART ONE

Go to the website of author Linda Sue Park:

[lindasuepark.com](http://lindasuepark.com)

Search this website and answer the following questions in COMPLETE SENTENCES on a document or handwritten.

1. Where were her parents born?
2. Who is her husband and where was he born?
3. Where was Linda Sue Park born and in what year?
4. List the title of a picture book she has written.
5. List the title of a novel she has written other than *A Long Walk to Water*.
6. List the title and the author of one her favorite books from her childhood.
7. Describe one of the pictures on her website.
8. For which book did she win a Newbery Award?
9. List another job she had aside from being an author.

## PART TWO

Use the information from this website to create a Sketchnote document. To complete part two, you will take the information from part one and create a Sketchnote using the template provided in your packet. You may also create a template on your own with all the required information.

- Your Sketchnote must include at least **four (4)** visual representations (drawings) of the answers you have given in part one.
- You must use information from all of the **nine (9)** questions asked in part one.
- You must use **color** in every answer.
- You must use text (words) in at least **four (4)** answers. You may use a combination of text and drawings in all of your Sketchnotes.

Your Sketchnote must be neat, creative and accurate. Use a RULER to draw straight lines. Use colored pencils, crayons or thin markers. Here is a [link](#) to give you some ideas.

## PART THREE

Complete a [Plot Structure Diagram](#) for the stories of the two (2) main characters in the novel. You will complete two Diagrams, one Plot Structure Diagram for the story of Salva and another for the story of Nya in the novel *A Long Walk to Water*. These documents will be provided to students.

## PART FOUR

Select and **read** an age and grade level appropriate autobiography or biography of your choice! Finish this book *before* the beginning of school! Bring the book to school with you in TI for an assignment that will be given. Have fun! You are going to **love** 8th grade ELA!