

## Informative Writing Plan Graphic Organizer

### *(Example for Teacher Reference)*

**Focus Question:** How has the author of *A Long Walk to Water* used or altered history in the novel?

#### **Focus**

What is the main idea of your piece?

What is your essay mostly about?

Linda Sue Park describes many of the same historical events, but changes the focus.

#### **Introduction**

How will you catch the reader's attention?

How will you interest your reader?

with a bold statement

What context do you need to give your reader?

What important information does your reader need to know?

Sudanese Civil War, Lost Boys, name of texts and authors

Write your focus statement.

Comparing the two texts shows how Park used historical events in the novel. Many of the same major events are described in both texts. However, the authors focus their attention differently in the two accounts.

What are the main points you will be making to support this focus?

describe many of the same events; focus attention differently in each event

**Proof Paragraph(s) for Point 1**

What is the first point that supports your focus statement?

describe many of the same events

**Evidence**

What evidence from the texts supports this point?

**Evidence** is events, quotes, or information from the texts.

chapters 1–11 in *A Long Walk to Water*: journey to Ethiopia: hunger, thirst, people dying, dangers

Langbany: “a very hard journey”

Kakuma, *A Long Walk to Water*: local people “would often sneak in and steal from the refugees” (84).

Langbany: “the native people treated us badly because they didn’t know us”

How does this evidence support this point?

This evidence shows that both texts describe the same events/experiences.

**Proof Paragraph(s) for Point 2**

What is the next point that supports your focus statement?

Park focuses attention differently in each event.

**Evidence**

What evidence from the texts supports this point?

**Evidence** is events, quotes, or information from the texts.

*A Long Walk to Water*: only chapter 13 on journey from Ethiopia to Kenya

Langbany: half of his article on this journey

Gilo River, *A Long Walk to Water*: crocodiles most dangerous

Langbany: soldiers shooting

How does this evidence support this point?

This evidence shows how Park focuses on different parts of same events.

### Conclusion

Restate your focus statement from the introduction.

Although the article and the novel focus on different parts of the journey, they discuss similar events.

What are your further reflections on this topic?

What other thought do you have about this topic?

probably different reasons for different focuses: ages of boys, different viewpoints

### My Sources

List any sources you used in planning your writing.

*A Long Walk to Water* by Linda Sue Park

“One Day I Had to Run” by John Deng Langbany