

Tuesday

The book *A Long Walk to Water* tells the stories of two different children, Nya and Salva. Today we are going to compare the two characters. We are going to identify their similarities and their differences.

Read the extract below first:

Southern Sudan, 2008

There was a big lake three days' walk from Nya's village. Every year when the rains stopped and the pond near the village dried up, Nya's family moved from their home to a camp near the big lake.

Nya's family did not live by the lake all year round because of the fighting. Her tribe, the Nuer, often fought with the rival Dinka tribe over the land surrounding the lake.

Fill in the table below, I have completed some boxes for you. See if you can explain the similarity or difference.

Salva	Nya	Similarity or difference?
Example: Salva is a boy.	Example: Nya is a girl.	Difference – a boy's education is prioritised over girl's education. In Southern Sudan, some girls are expected to stay at home and look after the family/house.
Salva is part of the Dinka tribe.		
Salva's family moves around according to the season.		
Salva is in danger.		
Salva's story takes place in Southern Sudan in 1985.		