

***Summer Reading and Writing Assignment:***

Students need to read the novel [A Long Walk to Water](#) by: Linda Sue Park, as well as the informational text and poem provided. After completing the reading, please answer the following in a multi-paragraph essay:

“How does Salva’s story relate to the poem and the informational text? What is the overall theme of these pieces and how do they connect?” Be sure to cite evidence from all three pieces to support your thinking.

***For the Children of Darfur, with Butterflies***

by [Michael R. Burch](#)

Where does the butterfly go  
when lightning ralls, when thunder howls,  
when hailstones scream, when winter scowls  
and nights compound dark frosts with snow?  
Where does the butterfly go?

Where does the rose hide its bloom  
when night descends oblique and chill  
beyond the capacity of moonlight to fill?  
When the only relief's a banked fire's glow,  
where does the butterfly go?

And where shall the spirit flee  
when life is harsh, too harsh to face,  
and hope is lost without a trace?  
Oh, when the light of life runs low,  
where does the butterfly go?