

Study Review Chapter 10

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Memoirs of a

Boy Soldier

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A Long Way Gone: Chapter 10

Study Questions (pgs 69-88)

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1. How was Ishmael's journey like the moon? (pg 69-70) Please describe Ishmael's journey, what the moon is like and then explain how they are similar.

2. What made the boys happy on their long journey? (pg 70).

3. In Mende stories, what character's tricks backfire when he is trying to get what he wants? (pg 71)

4. According to Musa, why did he want to tell a Bra Spider Story? (pg 73)

5. Why didn't Bra Spider get any food at the feast? (pg 74-75)

6. Who named Ishmael? (pg 76)

7. What ate the boys' smoked meat? (pg 77-78)

A bear

B. a dog

C. a pig

D. a spider

8. What kept Kanei moving? (pg 79)

A Long Way Gone, Chapter 10 vocabulary

bushels	conjuring	embellish	gradual
gyrating	hammock	irresistible	suras

Directions: Write the vocabulary word from above in the boxes below next to the correct sentence.	
1.	“The imam then proceeded to read several suras from the Quran”(Beah 66).
2.	“There wasn’t a _____ change between night and day (Beah 82).
3.	“I began to think about the times when I visited my grandmother and I would sleep in the _____ at the farm” (Beah 71).
4.	“While people carried _____ of rice, bundles of wood, to the square and women pounded rice in mortars, removing the husk from its seeds, Bra Spider was stretching their ropes on the verandah and measuring their length” (Beah 74).
5.	“We listened attentively to see if they were going to _____ the story with more striking details”(Beah 68)
6.	“I started _____ my hips to their claps, and they joined me” (Beah 73).
7.	“I had trouble _____ up these thoughts, and when I finally ventured into these memories I became so sad that the bones in my body started to ache” (Beah 72).
8.	“The only time I was able to fall asleep that night was when the last morning breeze, the one containing the _____ urge to sleep, saved me from my wandering” (Beah 70).

Definitions

Directions: Use the words from above and context clues from the sentences to find the appropriate definition below and write the word in the appropriate box below.	
1.	(verb) to move in a circle or spiral, or around a fixed point
2.	(verb) to beautify by or as if by ornamentation; to enhance (a statement or narrative) with fictitious additions
3.	(adjective) not resistible; incapable of being resisted or withstood; lovable; tempting to possess
4.	(noun) any of the 114 chapters of the Koran
5.	(verb) to affect or influence by or as if by invocation or spell; to call upon or command
6.	(noun) a hanging bead or couch made of canvas, netted cord, or the like, with cords attached to support at each end
7.	(noun) a unit of dry measure containing 4 pecks, approximately 2150 cubic inches; a large unspecified amount of number
8.	(adjective) taking place, changing, moving, etc., by small degrees or little by little

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Synonyms

Directions: Use the words from above and their definitions to determine the best set of synonyms	
1.	Alluring, charming, enchanting
2.	Graduate, moderate, step-by-step
3.	Add bells and whistles, adorn, amplify
4.	Adjure, beseech, importune, urge
5.	Gobs, heaps
6.	Twirl, whirl

Antonyms

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1.	Abrupt, infrequent, intermittent, uneven
2.	Deface, disfigure, simplify
3.	Avoidable, escapable, resistible
4.	Steady
5.	Disgust, turn off

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Answer Key

1. How was Ishmael's journey like the moon? (pg 69-70)

Answers will vary, but should be something like the following: There were dark clouds covering the moon making it dull and not allowing it to shine as bright as it could; Ishmael knows that there is darkness and sadness ahead, which is making it difficult for him to shine and be happy.

2. What made the boys happy on their long journey? (pg 70).

Doing normal things made the boys happy on their long journey.

3. In Mende stories, what character's tricks backfire when he is trying to get what he wants? (pg 71)

Carseloi- which means spider

4. According to Musa, why did he want to tell a Bra Spider Story? (pg 73)

Musa decided to tell a Bra Spider story because they are always good, no matter how many times you have heard them.

5. Why didn't Bra Spider get any food at the feast? (pg 74-75)

Bra Spider secured all the ropes at his waist to be told (signaled) about the feasts they were all pulled at the same time causing him to be suspended in the air and miss all the feasts.

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Imam named Ishmael.

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8. What kept Kanei moving? (pg 79)

The hope of finding his family kept Kanei moving.

9. According to Ishmael, why was Saidu so quiet all of the time? (pg 79-80)

Ishmael tells us that Saidu was in the attic when the rebels came; They raped his sisters and made his family carry their property with them. This leaves the reader to infer that Saidu was depressed about what happened.

10. What fell from the sky when they were searching for food in a deserted village? (pg 80-81)

- A. an airplane B. a bird C. a rock D. bullets

11. What did Saidu say/think he saw on the bridge? (pg 83)

- A. a bear B. a rebel C. ghosts D. Americans

12. What news did the unfamiliar woman tell Ishmael? (pg 83-84)

The woman told Ishmael that she had seen his mother, father and little brother in the next village, which was about a 2 day walk.

13. Why did Ishmael think something bad was going to happen? (pg 84-85)

Ishmael thought something bad was going to happen because the dogs were barking, and dogs see and sense things that people do not.

14. Why did Ishmael keep calling out his friends' names when they were trying to go to sleep? (pg 83-87)

Ishmael kept calling his friends' names to keep them awake because he was afraid that if they fell asleep they would not wake up. He thought they would "leave" like Saidu did when they were on the bridge.

15. When they left the town where Saidu was buried, what did Ishmael feel the silence asked and what does this mean? (pg 88)

Ishmael felt the silence asked who was going to die next (Beah 88). The answers will vary for the explanation.

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