

# A Long Way Gone: Chapter 9

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Study Questions (pgs 58-68)

1. What was making the sound that Ishmael heard? (pg 58-59)
2. What was the horrible punishment that the fishermen gave the boys? Why was it horrible? (pg 60).
3. What did the man do when he saw the boys' suffering? (pg 61)
4. Why did the boys make fun of each other? (pg 62)
5. According to the text, why didn't the host tell the boys his name? What do you think he meant by this? (pg 63)
6. On page 64, why did the boys put their feet in the ocean?
7. On page 66, what did the chief's men find when they were undressing the boys?
8. On page 68, what reason did the chief give for letting the boys go?

# A Long Way Gone, Chapter 9 vocabulary

accord	agitated	congealed	disconsolate
intricate	mercenaries	refrained	succession

**Directions: Write the vocabulary word from above in the boxes below next to the correct sentence.**

1. "Just the thought of what was happening was enough to get me \_\_\_\_\_." (Beah 66).
2. "We walked closer and sat at the edge of the sand and stared at the ocean, admiring the display of waves in \_\_\_\_\_." (Beah 59).
3. "I was a little glad that he had called us boys, and \_\_\_\_\_ from the word 'devil'." (Beah 66).
4. "He wanted to know if we had stayed in the hut of our own \_\_\_\_\_ or if the owner knew about us." (Beah 68).
5. "One of the men told the chief that the only way we could possess such foreign cassettes was either by having looted them or if we were \_\_\_\_\_." (Beah 68)
6. "He wore traditional cotton clothes with \_\_\_\_\_ designs on the collar made of yellow and blue thread, zigzagged vertically across his chest." (Beah 65).
7. "Peeled flesh hung down and \_\_\_\_\_ blocks of blood and particles of sand clung to each hanging bit of skin." (Beah 61).
8. "Her voice was trembling with sadness, and she wiped her \_\_\_\_\_ face as she disappeared behind the hut and disappeared behind the hut and headed back to the main village." (Beah 68).

## 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. \_\_\_\_\_ (adjective) without consolation or solace; hopelessly unhappy; inconsolable
2. \_\_\_\_\_ (verb) to be in agreement or harmony; agree
3. \_\_\_\_\_ (noun) consent or concurrence of opinions or wills
4. \_\_\_\_\_ (adjective) working or acting merely for money or other reward
5. \_\_\_\_\_ (noun) a professional soldier in a foreign army, guerrilla organization
6. \_\_\_\_\_ (verb) to disturb or excite emotionally; to shake or move briskly.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ (verb) to change from a soft of fluid state to a rigid or solid state, as by cooling or freezing
8. \_\_\_\_\_ (adjective) having many interrelated parts or facets; entangled or involved; complex
9. \_\_\_\_\_ (noun) the coming of one person or thing after another in order, sequence
10. \_\_\_\_\_ (verb) to abstain from an impulse to say or do something

## Synonyms

**Directions: Use the words from above and their definitions to determine the best set of synonyms**

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
inconsolable, heartbroken, hopeless
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
warrior
3. \_\_\_\_\_  
aroused, excited, flustered
4. \_\_\_\_\_  
curdle, thicken
5. \_\_\_\_\_  
baroque, complex, difficult
6. \_\_\_\_\_  
deal, pact, reconciliation
7. \_\_\_\_\_  
abstain, avoid, cease, curb

## Antonyms

**Directions: Use the words from above and their definitions to determine the best set of synonyms**

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
disagreement
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
heat, liquefy, melt, soften
3. \_\_\_\_\_  
carry on, continue, oblige
4. \_\_\_\_\_  
cheerful, consoled, happy
5. \_\_\_\_\_  
apparent, clear, direct, obvious

# A Long Way Gone: Chapter 10

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Study Questions (pgs 69-88)

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)

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

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 Saïdu 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)

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

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

15. When they left the town where Saïdu was buried, what did Ishmael feel the silence asked and what does this mean? (pg 88) Please state evidence from the text and then provide analysis.

A Long way gone, Chapter 10 vocabulary

bushels	conjuring	embellish	gradual
gyrating	harmock	irresistible	suras

**Directions:** Write the vocabulary word from above in the boxes below next to the correct sentence.

- "The imam then proceeded to read several suras from the Quran" (Beah 66).
- "There wasn't a \_\_\_\_\_ change between night and day" (Beah 82).
- "I began to think about the times when I visited my grandmother and I would sleep in the \_\_\_\_\_ at the farm" (Beah 71).
- "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).
- "We listened attentively to see if they were going to \_\_\_\_\_ the story with more striking details" (Beah 68)
- "I started \_\_\_\_\_ my hips to their claps, and they joined me" (Beah 73).
- "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).
- "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.

- (verb) to move in a circle or spiral, or around a fixed point
- (verb) to beautify by or as if by ornamentation; to enhance (a statement or narrative) with fictitious additions
- (adjective) not resistible; incapable of being resisted or withstood; lovable; tempting to possess
- (noun) any of the 114 chapters of the Koran
- (verb) to affect or influence by or as if by invocation or spell; to call upon or command
- (noun) a hanging bead or couch made of canvas, netted cord, or the like, with cords attached to support at each end
- (noun) a unit of dry measure containing 4 pecks, approximately 2150 cubic inches; a large unspecified amount of number
- (adjective) taking place, changing, moving, etc., by small degrees or little by little

**Synonyms**

**Directions:** Use the words from above and their definitions to determine the best set of synonyms

- Alluring, charming, enchanting
- Graduate, moderate, step-by-step
- Add bells and whistles, adorn, amplify
- Adjure, beseech, importune, urge
- Gobs, heaps
- Twirl, whirl

**Antonyms**

**Directions:** Use the words from above and their definitions to determine the best set of synonyms

- Abrupt, infrequent, intermittent, uneven
- Deface, disfigure, simplify
- Avoidable, escapable, resistible
- Steady
- Disgust, turn off

A Long way gone: Chapters 11-12

- Why did the boys sit at the foot of the trees and wait? (pg 90)
  - They were hiding from the rebels
  - The rain became unbearable
  - In hopes that a coconut would fall
  - They were hiding from the rebels
- What physical feature helped Ishmael to know that he knew Ngor Gasemu? (pg 91)
  - he was missing his right thumb
  - He had an extra finger
  - he was missing a front tooth
  - He was missing part of his left leg
- Why did Ngor Gasemu think that Ishmael's forehead used to shine? (pg 92)
- Why did Junior go looking for Ishmael? (pg 92)
- Why did Ishmael run to the burning village? (pg 93-94)
- Why did the boys all start fighting at the village? (pg 96)
- What does *wahlee* mean? (pg 98)
- How did Gasemu die? (pg 98-99)
- What did the soldier do when Ishmael started to feel sick? (pg 100)

10. Ishmael says that he was part of the only thing that darkened the mood in the Village of Yele. What was he referring to? What does he mean by "darkened the mood"? (pg 101)

**A Long Way Gone, Chapters 11-12 Vocabulary**

agonizing	consumption	deive	dilapidated
garrison	jubilant	perplexed	Profusely

**Directions:** Write the vocabulary word from above in the boxes below next to the correct sentence.

- "I walked \_\_\_\_\_ in my soaked clothes under the sun" (Beah 90).
- "In my mind's eye I would see sparks of flame, flashes of scenes I had witnessed, and the voices of children and women would come alive in my head" (Beah 104).
- "He ignored me and seemed to \_\_\_\_\_ into his book" (Beah 104).
- "The soldiers set up their \_\_\_\_\_ in another unfinished brick house, and there they socialized separate from the civilians" (Beah 101).
- "Their \_\_\_\_\_ and clapping could be heard far down the river" (Beah 102).
- "The excitement caused my heart to beat faster and I was sweating \_\_\_\_\_" (Beah 102).
- "But by midday all the daily chores were done, the evening meal was prepared and only awaited \_\_\_\_\_" (Beah 102).
- "The building was roofless except for the tarpaulin that covered the boxes of ammunition and guns stacked against the wall; and in the only common space, a huge television screen sat on top of a \_\_\_\_\_ drum" (Beah 109).

**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.

- (adjective) reduced to or fallen into partial ruin or decay, as from age, wear or neglect (noun) a feeling of or the expression of joy or exultation; a joyful or festive celebration
- (adjective) bewildered; puzzled; complicated, involved
- (adjective) accompanied by, filled with, or resulting in agony or distress
- (noun) the act of consuming, as by use, decay or destruction
- (noun) the troops who maintain and guard a base or fortified place; the place itself
- (verb) to carry on intensive and thorough research for data, information, or the like; investigate
- (adjective) spending or giving freely and in large amount, often to excess; extravagant

**Synonyms**

**Directions:** Use the words from above and their definitions to determine the best set of synonyms

- Bewildered, troubled, uncertain
- happiness, joy, exultation
- drinking, expenditure, utilization, eating
- Battered, beat-up, decayed
- research, inquire, probe, examine, explore
- excruciating, intense, tortuous
- command post, encampment, fortress
- lavishly, abundantly, copiously

**Antonyms**

**Directions:** Use the words from above and their definitions to determine the best set of synonyms

- In good repair, rebuilt
- pleasant, pleasing
- sadness, sorrow, unhappiness
- fill, find, ignore, neglect
- building, creation, expansion

- Why didn't Ishmael tell the "Sergeant Doctor" what was happening to him? (pg 103)
- What did Lieutenant Jabati and Ishmael have in common? (pg 104)
- Why did Ishmael say that he liked reciting speeches from *Macbeth* and *Julius Caesar*? (103-104)
- How did the soldiers issue a curfew? (pg 105)
- The lieutenant gave everyone an ultimatum. What were their choices? (pg 107)
  - \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_
- What happened to the man and child that decided not to fight? (pg 107)
- What two things were the boys afraid of when they started training? (pg 109)
  - \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_
- Why did Ishmael cry when the soldier threw his pants in the fire? (pg 110)
- How did the corporal get the boys to really stab the banana tree? (pg 112)
- What did Lansana do that was distracting? (pg 113)