

Study Questions

A Long Way Gone

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3. How is the Ishmael in Chapter Two different than the boy in Chapter One? Be specific.
4. What is life like in Mattru Jong for Ishmael, his brother, and his friends before the rebels come?
5. Why would it have been especially bad for Ishmael and the other young boys to be caught? What would have happened to them?
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7. Ishmael and the boys steal food at the end of the chapter. Would they have thought to do something like that before the rebels arrived? Why or why not?
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