

Grades 2 and 3

Who is the main character?

What is the setting of the story?

The story is about water. This is something that is important to Emaye. Explain why water is so important.

Is water more precious than gold? Give reasons for your answer.

At the watering hole, what does Alemitu see?

One day, Emaye took Alemitu to a new place. Alemitu waited for Emaye to return but she never did. Can you explain why?

Why is the scarf important to Alemitu?

How does Eva feel about her feet at the picnic and why does she want to take off her shoes?

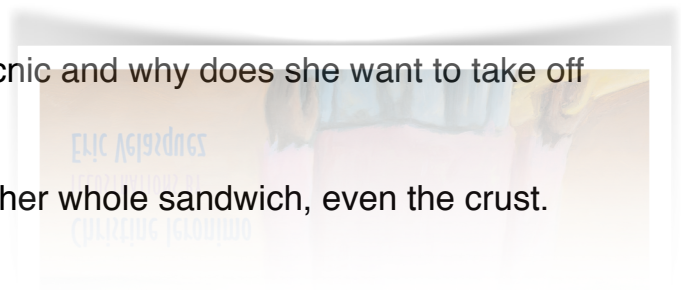
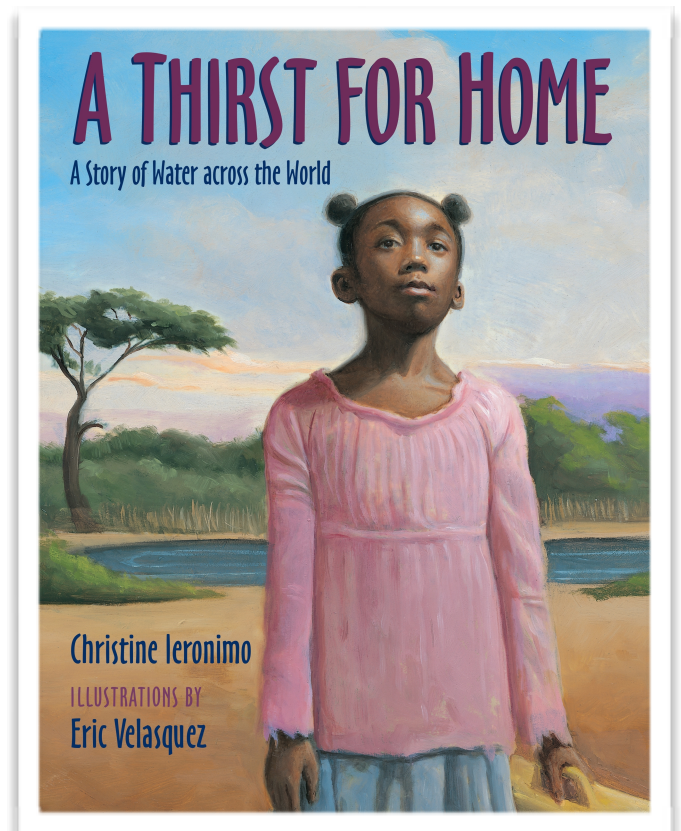
At the picnic with her new family, Eva eats her whole sandwich, even the crust. What is she afraid of?

Eva's new friend the butterfly is black and orange. How do these colors remind her of Ethiopia?

What does Eva's backpack remind her of?

What does Eva see in the puddle at the end of the story and why does this make her happy?

How does water connect everyone in the world?



Describe the main character's two names, their meanings and how they are similar?

By looking at the illustrations and reading the text, compare Eva's home in Ethiopia with her new home in America.

PROMPT #1

Imagine that you are standing in front of a big puddle. Describe something that is meaningful to you that you might see when you look down.

Teachers, have students illustrate their puddle with a description of what they see and why this is meaningful to them.

PROMPT #2

Imagine a day without running water. How would your daily life be affected?

PROMPT #3

Imagine you are Alemitu and you see cold and clean water coming from the faucet for the first time. Describe your feelings?

PROMPT #4

Teachers, have students illustrate the literal vs. non literal meaning of 'as the lion roared in my belly'.