## **Core Skills Analysis**

## **English**

- Enhanced writing skills by creatively expressing Salva's thoughts and emotions in a letter format.
- Developed empathy by putting themselves in Salva's shoes and understanding his experiences.
- Improved vocabulary by choosing appropriate words to convey Salva's feelings and experiences.
- Enhanced storytelling abilities by structuring the letter in a coherent and engaging manner.

## **Tips**

To further develop writing skills inspired by this activity, students can explore writing from different perspectives by selecting other characters from the same story or creating entirely new scenarios where they articulate personal experiences or emotions. Encouraging journaling or creative writing prompts can also help students delve deeper into their imagination and emotions, fostering a stronger connection to their writing.

## **Book Recommendations**

- <u>A Long Walk to Water</u> by Linda Sue Park: Based on a true story, this book intertwines the narratives of Salva and Nya, offering a compelling and poignant account of survival and hope in war-torn Sudan.
- <u>I Am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up for Education and Was Shot by the Taliban</u> by Malala Yousafzai: A powerful memoir of Malala Yousafzai's fight for girls' education and her courage and resilience in the face of adversity, inspiring readers to stand up for what they believe in.
- <u>The Red Pencil</u> by Andrea Davis Pinkney: This novel tells the story of a young Sudanese girl named Amira and her journey of healing through poetry and art, showcasing the transformative power of creativity in the midst of hardship.