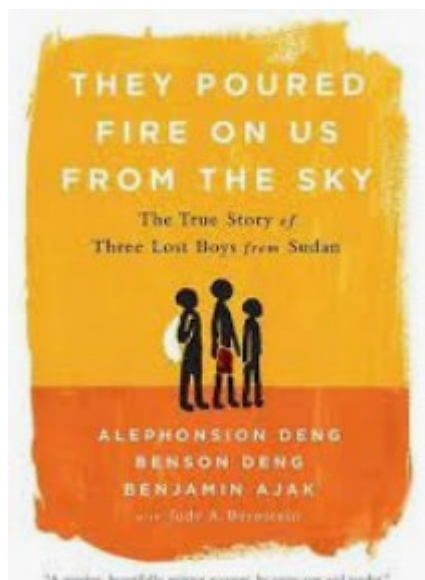


# They Poured Fire on Us From the Sky



**Due Date: 8/1/2023:**

Students will need to purchase They Poured Fire on Us From the Sky.

They will read the book and answer the questions below. I will collect the questions on the first day of school.

## **Topic: Refugees**

1. How does the physical geography of the region impact the boys' journey? Be sure not to make broad/generic statements. Use specific geographic features and explain their impact.
2. What informal economy (a.k.a. money making schemes) developed in the refugee camps?
3. Compare and contrast the perceptions of Ethiopia, Kenya, and the United States (and their people) by the boys to the reality of what they saw. (Perception v. reality)
4. Discuss the treatment of the boys as refugees in Ethiopia and Kenya.
5. Spend some time reading up on the current border crisis in the United States. Compare and contrast these two groups. Analyze the perceptions of their destinations vs. their realities as well as the treatment of these groups.

**Topic: Continual conflicts throughout the text with a focus on ethnic, religious, gender and linguistic issues.**

6. How is Islam portrayed throughout the text by the boys? Why would this be?
7. Analyze the impact of the borders of the countries discussed in the text. How do these borders put a strain on the relations between various ethnic groups? WHY?
8. How is language used as a tool of power throughout the text? Does language ever divide certain groups? Include examples and explain how. Does language ever unify groups? Include examples and explain how.
9. Analyze the role of women in the text. Why are there no “lost girls” only “lost boys”? How does this give insight into gender relations in this region?
10. Spend some time reading up on the Civil War in South Sudan that began in December 2013. Compare and contrast this current conflict with that of the conflict in the text.