

CULTURAL ENCOUNTERS

Directions: In the chart below, keep a list of those things you learn from your reading about the culture represented in your Book Club novel.

Examples:

A Long Walk to Water

- Arabic is the official language of the Sudanese government
- Girls in South Sudan do not go to school; they stay home to learn from their mother to keep house.

Dragonwings

- Middle Kingdom was another name for China
- Prayer for the "People of the Tang" included going to a small temple and burning incense

Shabanu

- Girls can get married at age thirteen
- Families move based on where they can find water

Esperanza Rising

- Cutting the first bunch of grapes of the season was an important ritual
- Quinceañeras (the celebration at age fifteen) was a turning point in a young girl's life allowing them to date and get married

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