The Lost Boys’ Cultural Identity

Watch the three excerpts from God Grew Tired of Us. Then answer the questions below.

1. What have you learned about Dinka culture? What markers are representative of Dinka culture?

2. What values do the Lost Boys hold?

3. What questions and fears do the Lost Boys have about life in the United States?

4. What are some of the challenges the Lost Boys encounter?

5. How do the Lost Boys adapt to life in the United States, in terms of both assimilation and acculturation?

6. What community-building strategies have the Lost Boys practiced both within the refugee camps and once resettled in the United States?

7. What community-building strategies have been practiced among the Lost boys and the communities into which they settled?

8. What sense of responsibility do the Lost Boys feel toward each other and toward their families and friends still in Africa?

9. In what ways are they trying to improve their own lives and those of their families and friends?