Based on *A Long Way Home*

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A Land of Contrast
Poverty in India

20 million orphaned children in India;
less than 5,00 get adopted each year
Indian Railways
The Journey: 1484 kilometers/923 miles
The Languages...India has 22 “official” languages and over 300 minor languages and dialects

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<th>Hindi</th>
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<td>Every object is masculine or feminine</td>
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<td>Different verbs for eating and drinking</td>
<td>No verb for “drink” so everything is “eat”—eat water, eat cigarettes etc.</td>
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Major Themes and Ideas

• Identity
• Belonging
• Cultural Heritage
• Vulnerability and Helplessness
• Empowerment and Action
• Adoption and Cultural Assimilation
• Self-Discovery