Journey To Jo’burg: A South African Story

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Journey to Jo’burg by Beverley Naidoo is the story of two South African children who embark alone on a long journey to find their mother, who works far from home. Naledi and Tiro are frightened when they learn that they must travel to Jo'burg to seek care for their sick baby sister, Dineo. This journey is filled with challenges and emotions, as the children face the reality of apartheid and the harsh conditions of life in the city.

The story begins with a family crisis that forces Naledi and Tiro to leave their small village in South Africa. They are determined to find their mother in Jo’burg, the city where she works, to get the care Dineo needs. Along the way, they encounter a variety of characters and situations that test their courage and resilience.

Journey to Jo’burg is a powerful exploration of the human spirit and the impact of apartheid on the lives of South African children. Naidoo’s writing is vivid and engaging, and her characters are memorable and relatable. The story is a powerful reminder of the struggles and sacrifices that South Africans faced during this difficult period in their history.

In this three-part lesson, students read the story of two South African children who embark alone on a long journey to find their mother, who works far from home. They learn about the challenges and emotions that the children face as they travel from their home in a small village to Jo’burg, the city where their mother works. They also learn about the effects of apartheid in South Africa and the impact it had on the lives of ordinary people.

This lesson is part of the TeachingBooks.net Education Project, which offers a wealth of resources for teaching children’s literature. The project provides lesson plans, activities, and other materials that help educators bring literature to life in the classroom.

Journey to Jo’burg is a classic of South African literature, and it has been widely praised for its engaging storytelling and important message. It is a powerful reminder of the struggles and sacrifices that South Africans faced during this difficult period in their history, and it is a must-read for anyone interested in African literature or South African history.