

My Name is Sangoel

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Year

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Genre

Realistic Fiction

Suggested Grade Level

PK-6

Cultural Experience

Immigrant, Refugee, Africa

"You carry a Dinka name. It is the name of your father and your ancestors before him.....Remember, you will always be a Dinka. You will be Sangoel. Even in America."

Content Area Connections:

Language Arts: Exploring identity, names, and storytelling.

Social Studies: Immigration, refugee experiences, cultural identity, global connections.

Social Emotional Learning (SEL): Empathy, resilience, self-advocacy, and valuing diversity.

Art: Visual representation of personal names and cultural symbols.

Primary Source Connection:

- Immigration Challenges for New Americans [Primary Source Set](#)
- Sudanese refugee women and children, [Library of Congress photograph](#)
- Hear refugee stories from real people at [Story Corps](#)

Other Books:

- [A Map for Falasteen: A Palestinian Child's Search for Home \(PK-4\)](#)
- [Home in a Lunchbox \(PK-2\)](#)