The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind

Chapter 13

**Worksheet A**

Please highlight or make note of any interesting or confusing passages you notice in your reading. If there is anything you would like to make note of for discussion, there is space provided at the bottom. The following questions will be used as a guideline for discussion in our next meeting.

1. William talks about how “the windmill had been such a success that [he] began to feel a bit of pressure” (225). In other words, once he had impressed everyone with his windmill project, he felt pressure to keep impressing them. How can you relate to these feelings of pressure following a success?
2. In one year, William experienced three different hardships. What were they?
3. Following the famine of 2006, people started blaming the bad luck on witchcraft. To go along with these suspicions, stories were spreading about “witch children” who were forced to do things by witches. What is one story about what the witch children did? What happens when the parents find out about who the witch is? What do you think could really have been going on?
4. At this time, HIV and AIDS are a serious problem across Africa. In order to help the cause, William joins the Wimbe Youth Friendly Health Services Club and becomes an advocate and an activist in the fight against AIDS. He is very passionate about the work that he does in the club. Do you consider yourself an activist for any causes? What clubs or groups are you or have you ever been a part of? What are you very passionate about?