



Junior Book Club in a Bag

Discussion Questions

Other Words for Home by Jasmine Warga

1. What does *home* mean? What makes a place a home?
2. Where does Jude live? How does Jude describe her home?
3. What role do movies play in Jude's life? Why does Jude prefer comedies?
4. What does "all children end up like their parents" mean? What does it mean to Jude? Do you believe this statement? Why or why not?
5. How does Aunt Michelle make Jude feel comfortable?
6. What is the importance of being able to speak English for Jude?
7. How are Mama and Uncle Mazin and Jude's definition of home different?
8. What are the differences between Clifton and Jude's town in Syria?
9. How is Layla a good friend to Jude? Explain using evidence from the novel.
10. Why didn't Mama send the letters? Do you think she should have sent them? Why or why not?
11. What is Jude's experience in America after the bombing?
12. What does Jude mean "hoping is the bravest thing a person can do?" Do you agree? Why or why not?

The above questions were taken from
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to enhance your discussion of the book.

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