

General Discussion Questions on Immigration

Identity & Belonging

How do immigrant characters navigate questions of identity and belonging in the text? In what ways are characters torn between their homeland and the new country?

Cultural Conflict & Assimilation

How does the novel portray the challenges of assimilation versus maintaining one's cultural heritage? Are the characters able to retain their cultural identity? At what cost?

The American Dream

How is the idea of the "American Dream" portrayed? Is it fulfilled, subverted, or redefined? What does the story suggest about the accessibility or illusion of the American Dream for immigrants?

Language & Communication

What role does language (or the barrier of language) play in shaping the immigrant experience in the novel? How do characters adapt or struggle with learning a new language?

Displacement & Home

How is the concept of "home" explored in the narrative? Is it a place, a feeling, or something else? How do characters cope with the loss of home or the instability of their circumstances?

