

# A SPOONFUL OF TIME DISCUSSION GUIDE!

1. In *A Spoonful of Time*, Maya didn't know a lot about her Korean culture until she spent time with Halmunee in the kitchen. Do you think that it's important for people to stay connected to their family's culture? Why or why not?
2. It takes Maya a while to get better at time-traveling without Halmunee. How do you think she felt once she could successfully do it on her own? Think of a time when you worked really hard to get better at something.
3. If you could travel into the past using food, which time period or memory would you travel back to, and which food would you eat?
4. Have you ever had some of the delicious food mentioned throughout the story? Which recipe from the book are you excited to try out?
5. Maya has a lot of responsibility looking after Halmunee. How do you think Maya feels about this responsibility and how well do you think she handled it?
6. Friendships can be hard to maintain because of outside stressors like family and school and we see this dynamic between Jada and Maya throughout the book. Do you think friendships are worth putting the effort into even when times get tough?
7. Halmunee's memory slowly becomes worse throughout the story. How do you think she may feel when she can't remember important things like where she is or who the people around her are?
8. Were you shocked to realize that Maya's mom and Halmunee are actually the same person? What did you think about this reveal?
9. Can you describe some details from the story that might have hinted at the twist ending before it happened?
10. What was your favorite part of *A Spoonful of Time*?



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