

One Detroit AAPI Story Series: Kyunghie and Leo

Discussion Guide

Before Viewing Discussion Questions

- Have you ever disagreed with your parents or other adults in your life about a choice you made or wanted to make? How does family and culture impact how you live your life?
- What do you know about your family's immigration story?
- How does place impact your family and how you see yourself?
- How would you describe American culture to a foreigner? What about Michigan culture?
- What does food represent for you and your family?
- Why do we write stories down? Why is it important to share stories with family, friends, and the broader public?
- What is the American Dream?

Story Viewing Discussion Questions

[Part 1: How We Met](#)

What is the purpose of education, and specifically college education? How does your family's history impact how education is viewed in your family?

Where else have you seen, read, or heard stories about couples whose families tried to keep them apart? Where does this show up in literature? In history? Why?

[Part 2: Coming to the United States](#)

What would cause someone to leave their home and travel to a different country?

How does the process of immigration look different for different people (different ages, different places of origin, different careers)?

How do current events, economics, and other contexts impact immigration stories?

[Part 3: Life in the United States](#)

How can diversity and representation be important for young children?

Why might a family choose to speak one language at home, while children learn to speak a different language at school?

How can "small moments" of connection be important for young immigrants and their families?

[Part 4: Passion for Food](#)

How does food bring people together?

How can food be a bridge between cultures, or between traditions, or between time?

What does it mean for something to be "authentic"?

[Part 5: From the Classroom to "See Us Bloom"](#)

How can writing be a powerful tool for sharing stories and processing grief?

What can make children's books valuable and impactful?

What kinds of considerations go into a career change? How are these considerations impacted by culture and history?

[Part 6: Defining the American Dream](#)

Historically, what has been significant about the American Dream for different communities?

What does it mean to have a “Korean-American Dream” or another dream that involves mixed ancestry and culture?

What is the connection between seeking a dream and cultivating joy?