



Imagination Makers Theater Company

“Bringing Professional Theater to Young People in Schools...”

“ONE LIFE, TWO CULTURES” FAMILY DISCUSSION QUESTIONS AND ACTIVITIES

Your child or children saw Imagination Makers Theater Company’s performance of *One Life, Two Cultures* at school recently. This play shows the experiences of children from other cultures in a fun and engaging way without ever leaving the country! *One Life, Two Cultures* is based on true stories penned by children who came to Colorado from other countries. The play can be a powerful catalyst for illuminating discussions between you and your child.

1. Your child’s enjoyment and understanding of the meaning of the play can be enhanced through family discussion of the major themes of the play. We would suggest that you use the following questions as a guide for a family conversation about *One Life, Two Cultures*:

- Describe your favorite story in the play. Why did you like it?
- Describe your favorite character in the play. What did you like about him/her?
- What happened in the play that reminded you of experiences you have had at school?
- What happened in the play that reminded you of experiences we have had as a family?
- Let’s imagine moving to a new country where the culture is totally different. What are the things about living in America that we would miss?
- How would it feel to be in a country where you couldn’t understand the language and maybe the people looked different than you? What would be some of your emotions? Would you be scared? happy? nervous? angry? lonely?
- Describe what you could do to help students who are new to your school. How could you make it easier for them to be at a new school?
- What do you think is the most important thing to remember about the play *One Life, Two Cultures*?

2. Have your child act out their favorite part of the play for you. It helps them process the play, takes no theater expertise on your part, and their interpretations of the play can be very entertaining!

3. Go on YouTube and watch a 10 minute clip of the play for free, [youtube.com/imaginationmakers](https://www.youtube.com/imaginationmakers). Or you can download your own copy of the entire play on our website, www.imaginationmakers.org.