



## Discussion Questions

1. Describe the family in *Grace*. How is your family like them; how are they different from them?
2. What role does food play in your family? What are traditional or special dishes that you enjoy with your family?
3. What role does food play in your culture or community?
4. Gentrification is a process in which a poor area (as of a city) experiences an influx of middle-class or wealthy people who renovate and rebuild homes and businesses. This often results in an increase in property values and the displacement of earlier, usually poorer residents. How does gentrification impact the characters in the show?
5. If you were Ruthie, would you have accepted the money and sold Minton's Place? Why or why not?
6. If you were to help the Mintons save their family restaurant, how would you do that? What changes or new strategies would you employ?
7. In the song *The Wave of Change*, the Mintons describe different aspects of gentrification – a solitary jogger, bike lanes, yoga mats, creperies, increased police presence and historic residents being replaced. How do these elements work together to shift the neighborhood?
8. Are there any positive aspects of gentrification? Why or why not?
9. Have you seen gentrification in your life or neighborhood? If yes, what do you notice? Have you seen things in your neighborhood that look like they don't belong?
10. Whose responsibility is it to stop or avoid gentrification, the long-time residents or new residents? How might we allow neighborhoods to change without the problems of and inequalities of gentrification?
11. What creates the sense of culture and history in a neighborhood?
12. Neighborhoods reflect the culture of a community. How would you describe the culture of your community?
13. Think of a neighborhood or community you love being in or going to visit. What do you like about that neighborhood? Anything you dislike?
14. How do we preserve the good parts of culture? How do we decide what is worth preserving?

