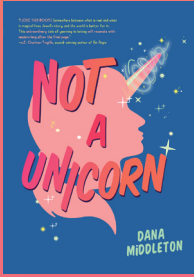


DISCUSSION QUESTIONS



NOT A UNICORN

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1. Monsieur Oliver tells Jewel that being uniquely you is what made her French essay so great. What are some things that make you uniquely you?
2. Jewel and Nicholas are planning an epic road trip based on the locations of each of the magical creatures featured in the Highwaymen graphic novel. Using Google Maps, plot out the route for an imaginary road trip you'd like to take with your friends.
3. Nicholas tells Jewel that you don't have to have a horn to be different. What do you think he means by this? Do you agree with his statement?
4. Why does Jewel contact Dr. Stein without talking to her mother or grandmother? What is her mother's reaction when she finds out? Do you think she should have talked to her mom first? Explain your answer.
5. Why does Mystic think things will change between her and Jewel once her horn is removed? Do you think she is right to be worried?
6. Why does Emma want to start hanging out with Jewel again after her surgery? If you were Jewel would you give Emma a second chance? Why or why not?
7. After her surgery Jewel tells her grandmother that it feels weird being normal. What does she mean by this?
8. After Jewel's surgery she and Brooklyn start to become friends. Jewel wonders why they weren't friends before and asks Brooklyn why they never hung out when she still had her horn. How does Brooklyn respond to this question? What do you think of her answer?
9. After finding out that Emma lied about her missing necklace Jewel apologizes to Mystic for not standing up for her. Have you ever had a fight with a close friend? Were you able to build up the courage to apologize to each other?
10. Considering everything that happened after Jewel's surgery do you think she regrets her decision to have her horn removed? Explain your answer using examples from the text.

