

FOREIGN LETTERS

Discussion Guide

1. Ellie writes letters to her friend in Israel, explaining how much she misses her after moving to America. What elements of America does Ellie describe in her letters that are different from Israel?
2. When Ellie meets Thuy, she still speaks mostly Hebrew. What about the relationship between the girls do you think proves genuine enough to make their friendship develop even though they had trouble communicating at first?
3. How is Ellie's uncle's death used in FOREIGN LETTERS? What about their family and culture do we learn?
4. What reasons does Thuy have for often making excuses to avoid doing certain things with Ellie?
5. What can we learn about diversity from this film and do you think the film could have been effective without it shown as prevalently?

