

NO PLACE LIKE HOME

READER'S GUIDE



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. While journeying through Silva, Lan has the opportunity to ask the Cognitor anything she wishes. Which single question would you ask if you met an all-knowing being?
2. Why do you think Lan decided to stay and help Annabelle and Marlow complete their quest? Would you have done the same?
3. When Lan first begins practicing magic, the only thing she is able to conjure is potatoes! When traveling in a magical land, which food would you bring with you? Why?
4. When Lan, Marlow, and Annabelle seek admittance to see King Nebulo, they must provide proof of courage in large supply. Lan presents the arrowhead as proof of their joint effort against the heart-eater. What other acts of courage, small or large, could Lan have presented as proof? What are some everyday acts of courage you've noticed in your life?
5. Belonging is a central theme in *No Place Like Home*. Where have you felt like you've belonged? Is there an activity or a person that has helped you feel like you belong in spaces that are new to you?
6. What do you think Lan will miss most about Silva? Why?
7. How do you think Lan will change as she comes back to Toronto?
8. If a magical wind whisked you away to your favourite fictional world, where would you be?

ACTIVITY

Create a map of home for YOU!

Who would be there with you? What landmarks? Which languages would you use to label the map? Does home feel like a big city, the ocean, the mountains or something else altogether? What shape and colour does your home take on?