



Discussion Questions for *A Snicker of Magic* by Natalie Lloyd

Midnight Gulch used to be a magical place, a town where people could sing up thunderstorms and dance up sunflowers. Twelve-year-old Felicity, a “word collector,” wants to stay in Midnight Gulch more than anything, but first, she’ll need to figure out how to bring back the magic, breaking the spell that’s been cast over the town...and her mother’s broken heart.

1. Felicity says that her mother’s storytelling voice is “like something between a summer breeze and a lullaby” (p. 2). How can someone’s voice help him or her tell a good story?
2. The people of Midnight Gulch possess different types of magic. What kind of magic would you want to have? Why?
3. Words are very important to Felicity. What are your three favorite words? What do these words make you think of?
4. Felicity and her family move frequently. What do you think are some positive things about moving? What are some negative things? What words do you associate with “home”?
5. How does Felicity give her mother the courage to paint the mural?
6. Can you think of anyone in your life who would need help from the Beedle? How could the Beedle make a difference?
7. Felicity’s mother shares “a truth that feels so good, it’s like you hugged the summer sunshine” (p. 263). Describe your own *factofabulous* memory.
8. Felicity loves to collect words about people. Choose three words that best describe you. What would these words look like to Felicity?
9. Cleo says, “Only fools run away from what they fear” (p. 268). Do you think this is true? Why or why not?
10. How is the duel important to Felicity and her family, as well as the townspeople? How are sweet amends made at the duel?