The Illiterate Daughter Discussion Questions

- 1. What events cause Nou to change from the beginning of the story?
- 2. In what ways has Nou changed?
- 3. What are the events that lead up to the family fleeing the country?
- 4. What are the two or three main ideas the author wants you to learn from reading this book?
- 5. What is the main conflict in The Illiterate Daughter book?
- 6. What are some aspects of Hmong culture that you learned from reading the book?
- 7. What can readers learn from the way Nou overcame tragedies and struggles?
- 8. From this story, what have you discovered about the experience of being a girl in a patriarchal society, where men hold authority over women?
- 9. What are the key themes of the story and how do they unfold throughout the book?
- 10. What themes about life can you infer from this story? What supports your inference about the theme?
- 11. What conclusions can be drawn about the author's intention in writing this book?
- 12. Why are there Hmong people in the United States?