



## ***Taco Tuesdays***

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### **Discussion Questions**

1. Why is Dulce worried about Taco World opening across the street? Have you ever experienced anything similar, with a place or business opening in a neighborhood you care about that threatens to change it? If so, what was the outcome of that experience? If not, how would you feel if something like this were to happen to a place you care about? What actions could you take?
2. What do you think “authentic” means when it comes to food and culture? How do the places we live, shop, and eat in protect authenticity? Is there a place or business you visit that is authentic to your identity, or sense of self?
3. How would you feel in Julian’s place if you had to move home- would you feel the same way? Why or why not?
4. What problems does Julian have with his family? Why?
5. How do Dulce and Julian become friends? What do they have in common, despite some obvious differences?
6. What do Dulce and Julian learn from each other?
7. What does Dulce learn about herself by the end of the story?
8. What dish would you cook to represent your own culture or family traditions, and why? How does food connect us to our heritage and identify? To the people around us?



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9. What do you think the author wants you to learn about the importance of food, family, and community? How do physical places and spaces factor into these things, as well? How do restaurants and other businesses protect cultural identity and community? How can they destroy it?

