

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Instant Mom

By Nia Vardalos

1. What was Nia's upbringing and family like in Canada? How did Nia become an actress?
2. How did the movie Big Fat Greek Wedding come about? What are some of Nia's characteristics that helped with this movie?
3. Who are some of Nia's celebrity friends? Who is the Core?
4. Define the different types of adoption such as foster-adopt, private adoption, open adoption. Discuss some of the different laws concerning international adoption; adopting children with special needs... etc.
5. What different experiences did Nia Vardalos have when adopting since she is a well-known actress? What were some of the positive and negative issues that Nia had before and after adopting?
6. How did their family dog Manny react with the new daughter? How did they get their second dog Louie?
7. How did their daughter Ilaria get her name?
8. What were some of the problems Nia had with Ilaria after adopting her?
9. What changes did Nia make to put her daughter's upbringing first before her career?
10. Discuss Nia's attempts to keep her daughter's life private.