

Discussion Questions: "The Black Cloth"

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1. Identify Aïwa's personal struggles during her childhood. What is her attitude concerning these difficulties? How can this attitude be explained?
2. What does the black cloth represent for Aïwa?
3. Briefly discuss the importance of magic in the story.
4. The notion of time is vague in "The Black Cloth" ("she walked for moons and moons, for so many moons that no one remembers the exact number any longer"). How does this influence the tale and what effect does this have on the reader?