



THE MOST MAGNIFICENT THING

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SUMMARY

A girl and her dog are best friends and love to make and unmake things together. One day she decides to make the most magnificent thing. When things keep going wrong she starts to get more and more frustrated, and soon she gets angry. Will she ever be able to make the most magnificent thing? Will getting angry help her or hurt her?



Questions:

1. Do you have pets? Are they your best friend?
2. The girl wants to make the "most magnificent thing". Is that goal possible? Is there one thing that is the most magnificent to every person on the planet?
3. Do you think that making the magnificent thing will be as easy as the girl thinks it will be? What do you think she will do if it ends up being hard? How will she feel? What do you do when something you think will be easy ends up being hard? How do you feel?
4. Look at the other people on the sidewalk. Do they like her project to make something magnificent? Why not? What might happen to the boy on the bike?
5. When her first try does she give up or try again? What about the second try? How do she feel after the first try? After the second?
6. When she's made more than ten different magnificent things that are all wrong, how do you think she feels? If it were you, would you want to give up? How would you feel?
7. How would you feel if you spent so much time making things and people didn't like them?
8. Does getting mad help solve the problem or make it work? How could she help herself calm down so she can focus on the magnificent thing?
9. Have you ever gotten hurt while you were angry? Does it make the anger better or worse? What might have happened if she had calmed down before continuing to work, maybe taken a break? Would she maybe not have hurt herself?
10. When her assistant helps her calm down, does that make things better or worse?
11. Even though none of what she made is perfect, is some of it still good? Do the things she made help people?
12. In the end, is the magnificent thing she made perfect? Does perfect matter?