



THE PSYCHOLOGY OF *Snow White*

Discussion Guide

♦ Pathological Envy and the Fear of Aging ♦

Use these questions to explore envy, self-worth, comparison, and what it means to be truly seen.



1 SEEING THE STORY

- What stands out to you most about the Queen's obsession with being "the fairest"?
- How does the Queen's use of the mirror shape her sense of self?



2 PATHOLOGICAL ENVY

- How is the Queen's envy different from ordinary jealousy?
- Why do you think Snow White simply existing is enough to trigger the Queen?



3 AGING AND BEAUTY ANXIETY

- How does the film reflect the pressure on women to stay young and beautiful?
- In what ways can fear of aging shape how a person treats others?



4 THE COST OF ENVY

- What has the Queen lost because of her envy?
- How does envy isolate a person, even if they have power or status?



5 IDENTITY AND SELF-WORTH

- If the Queen based her worth on something other than looks, how might her story be different?
- What helps you feel secure in who you are?



6 COMPASSION AND FREEDOM

- Can we have compassion for the Queen without excusing her actions?
- What does the story teach us about the freedom of letting go of comparison?

Try This Together

Take time to name one quality that makes each person in your family unique and valuable—something deeper than appearance or achievement.

"Mirror, mirror on the wall, who is the fairest of them all?"
The real question is: Who are you when no one else is watching?



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