Discussion Questions

- 1. In The House of the Spirits, romantic love is essential but often forbidden. Why do you think Allende creates a story where love is taboo?
- 2. Explore the issue of paternity and maternity in this book. What are the characters' attitudes toward paternity and maternity throughout the novel? Do they change or remain constant?
- 3. This novel has been called a masterpiece of "Magical Realism," filled with ghosts, supernatural events, psychic powers, and other strange happenings. Explain the significance of the supernatural world in the novel.

