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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

A boy called Bat

Author:

Elana K. Arnold

Date Started:

Date Finished:

Keep reading. Keep wondering.
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How to Answer

Your answer does not have to be perfect. Just answer in complete thoughts and use details from the chapter.

How to structure your answer

A strong answer usually has a few parts. Try these steps:

1. **Answer the question.** Start with one sentence that answers the question directly.
2. **Give an example.** Add a detail or moment from the chapter that shows what you mean.
3. **Explain why.** Tell why it mattered, or how it made you think or feel.
4. **Wrap it up.** Finish with a closing thought, a question, or a prediction.

Which of Bat's interests stands out to you so far, and what does it show about him?

Example answer: Bat's interest in animals stands out to me. He wants to understand what animals need, not just look at them. I think this shows that he is curious and caring. His interest helps me see his strengths, even when other parts of his life are difficult.

How to Answer (continued)

What challenge do you predict Bat might face as he tries to reach a goal? Use what you know about him to explain your prediction.

Example answer: I predict that Bat will have trouble convincing his mother that he should keep the baby skunk. He really wants it, but his mother is a veterinarian and has to think about what is best for the animal. I think Bat will need more than a strong wish to persuade her. He may need to learn about skunks and explain how he would care for one.

If you could give Bat advice at this point in the story, what would you say, and why?

Example answer: I would tell Bat to explain why caring for the skunk matters so much to him. I would also suggest that he ask his mother questions about what the animal needs. Since she is a veterinarian, she could help him understand things he has not thought about yet. I think listening and explaining would work better than only repeating what he wants.

Chapter 1

What have you learned so far about Bat's daily life at home or school? Choose two details that help you picture his world.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 26

Looking back over your reading so far, what idea about Bat have you changed or added to? Explain which detail helped you think differently.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 25

What would you like to happen next for Bat, and how is that different from what you think will actually happen?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

Which of Bat's interests stands out to you so far, and what does it show about him?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 3

How does Bat react when something does not go the way he expects? Use a detail from your reading to explain his reaction.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 24

Which word would you choose to describe the mood of the part you just read? Explain how the author's details about Bat's world create that mood.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 23

How might another character describe Bat differently from the way Bat would describe himself? Use what you have learned so far.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

What have you learned about Bat's mother and her work as a veterinarian? Explain how her work might affect Bat's interests.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

What do Bat and his sister, Janie, seem to understand—or misunderstand—about each other so far?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 22

What does the story suggest so far about being patient with people or animals? Connect your idea to a detail from your reading.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 21

Which relationship in Bat's life would you like to learn more about as you continue reading? Explain what makes you curious.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

Based on the part you just read, what do you think Bat will want to do next? Explain the clues behind your prediction.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

Where does Bat seem most comfortable so far?
Describe what makes that place a good fit for him.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 20

If you could give Bat advice at this point in the story, what would you say, and why?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 19

What have you discovered about the way Bat learns something new? Describe a detail that supports your thinking.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 8

What has someone said or done that helps you understand Bat better? Explain what you learned from that moment.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

Which word in your reading helps explain Bat's world or his interest in animals? Tell what you think it means and how you figured it out.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 18

When has Bat needed someone to listen carefully to him so far? Explain what a good listener would need to understand.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 17

What unfamiliar or interesting phrase did you notice in your reading? Explain its meaning and how it helps you picture Bat's experience.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 10

What does caring for others seem to mean in Bat's story so far? Support your idea with something you have read.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 11

Which choice by Bat do you agree or disagree with at this point? Explain your opinion respectfully.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 16

How do Bat's words or actions show that people can experience the same situation differently?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 15

Which detail about Bat's home or school seems important rather than just interesting? Explain why it could matter to the story.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 12

How does Bat show what matters to him? Describe an action or a line of dialogue that reveals his feelings.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 13

What question would you ask Janie about her relationship with Bat, based on what you know so far? Explain why you would ask it.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 14

What challenge do you predict Bat might face as he tries to reach a goal? Use what you know about him to explain your prediction.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?
