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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

A Hero's Guide to Summer Vacation

Author:

Pablo Cartaya

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 question would you most like to ask the author about this chapter, and why?

Example answer: I would ask the author how they decided where to end the chapter. A chapter ending can make me want to keep reading or give me time to think. I would like to know how the author chooses between those two effects. Their answer might help me write better endings for my own stories.

Chapter 40

Which moment in this chapter seems most important to the story's bigger message, and why?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 39

Whose point of view would you like to hear more of after this chapter? Explain what it might help you understand.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

How to Answer (continued)

When you meet an unfamiliar word in this chapter, what steps could help you figure out its meaning?

Example answer: I would first reread the sentence and look for clues around the unfamiliar word. Then I would check whether I recognize any smaller parts of the word. I would try a meaning that makes sense and reread the sentence with that meaning in mind. If I were still unsure, I would use a dictionary to check my guess.

What advice would you offer a character in this chapter, and why might that advice help?

Example answer: My advice would be to pause and think before deciding what to do. I would suggest asking, 'Who could be helped or hurt by my choice?' If the character still felt unsure, I would recommend talking to someone they trust. This advice could help because it gives the character time to consider more than one possible result.

Chapter 1

What are the most important things that happened in this chapter, and how are they connected?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 38

What do you hope a character will learn or understand soon, and why?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 37

How does the chapter's ending connect to something that happened earlier in the chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

Based on what you just read, what might happen next? Explain which clues helped you make your prediction.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 3

Which character did you learn the most about in this chapter, and what did you discover?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 36

Would you want to spend time in the setting of this chapter? Explain what would interest or worry you.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 35

Find a phrase that is not meant to be taken exactly as written, or choose a descriptive phrase. What does it help you understand?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

What idea about friendship, family, or another important part of life does this chapter make you think about?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

Choose an interesting word from this chapter.
What does it mean, and why might the author
have chosen it?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 34

Does this chapter make a difficult situation seem
simple or complicated? Explain what that
suggests about life.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 33

What might a character be thinking but not saying in this chapter? Support your idea with a clue.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

Which question would you most like to ask the author about this chapter, and why?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

How does the place where this chapter happens affect what the characters can do?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 32

Which unanswered question do you think the story might explore next? Explain why.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 31

What causes an important event in this chapter, and what happens because of it?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 8

What challenge might a character face soon, based on something in this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

Describe a choice a character makes in this chapter. What does that choice show about the character?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 30

How did the pace of this chapter feel to you—fast, slow, or somewhere in between? Explain what made it feel that way.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 29

Choose a word that helps create the mood of this chapter. How would the mood change if you replaced it?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 10

What does this chapter suggest about how people should treat one another?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 11

Find a sentence that helps you picture something clearly. Which words make the picture come alive?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 28

What does this chapter suggest about the difference between what people want and what they need?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 27

How does a relationship between two characters seem to be changing or staying the same?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 12

Which part of this chapter would you most like to see illustrated, and why?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 13

What problem is important in this chapter, and what makes it difficult to solve?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 26

Imagine the next chapter's title. What would you call it, and what do you expect to happen?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 25

What do you understand at the end of this chapter that you did not understand at the beginning?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 14

Which detail from this chapter do you think will matter later? Explain your thinking.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 15

How do a character's words and actions fit together—or seem to disagree—in this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 24

What advice would you offer a character in this chapter, and why might that advice help?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 23

Look for a word with more than one meaning in this chapter. How can you tell which meaning fits?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 16

What does this chapter show about trying again, giving up, or choosing a different path?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 17

When you meet an unfamiliar word in this chapter, what steps could help you figure out its meaning?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 22

How does this chapter connect to a lesson or big idea you noticed earlier in the story?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 21

Which feeling seems strongest for a character in this chapter? Use a detail to explain your answer.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 18

Did anything in this chapter surprise you? Explain what you expected and what you noticed instead.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 19

How would you explain this chapter to someone who missed it, using only three important details?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 20

What might change if a character made a different choice from the one made in this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?
