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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

Alice with a Why

Author:

Anna James

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.

Describe how a character's feelings change during this chapter. What causes that change, and what clues show it?

Example answer: If a character starts out worried and later accepts help, I might see a change from fear to hope. I would look for clues in what the character says and does. For example, hiding at first but then asking a question could show that the character feels safer. I would explain how getting help caused that change.

Chapter 24

Which moment in this chapter would you most want to discuss with another reader? Explain what makes it worth talking about.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 23

What question about friendship, courage, honesty, or another big idea does this chapter make you think about? Explain how the chapter raises that question.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

How to Answer (continued)

Choose an object, place, or detail from this chapter that might matter later. How could it become important, and what makes you suspect that?

Example answer: If the author describes an old key several times, I would predict that it might unlock something important later. The repeated descriptions would make me pay attention to it. I would also notice whether a character keeps the key or asks about it. Those clues would support my prediction, even though I could not be sure yet.

Locate a word you did not know well in this chapter. How did the nearby words help you work out its meaning?

Example answer: If I found the word 'reluctant' beside a description of someone hanging back, I would guess that it means unwilling or unsure. The person's actions would be my first clue. I would try replacing 'reluctant' with 'not eager' to see whether the sentence still made sense. Then I would check a dictionary to see how close my guess was.

Chapter 1

What is the main event in this chapter, and how does it change the situation for the characters?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 22

What advice would you give a character before the next chapter? Explain what you think might happen if the character follows it.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 21

Locate a word you did not know well in this chapter. How did the nearby words help you work out its meaning?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

Which character wants something in this chapter? Explain what they want and what makes it difficult to get.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 3

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

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 20

How might a different character describe one event in this chapter? Explain what that character would notice or care about.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 19

Summarize this chapter in three important steps. Why are those steps more important than the other details?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

What do you think will happen next? Use a clue from this chapter to explain your prediction.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

What lesson could a reader learn from a choice made in this chapter? Explain how that choice shows the lesson.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 18

If you could change one action in this chapter, what would you change? Explain how your change might affect the chapter.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 17

How might this chapter connect to the book's title? Explain a possible connection using a detail you have read.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

Do you agree with a decision a character makes in this chapter? Give a reason and a detail from the story.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

How does the setting affect what happens in this chapter? Describe a detail about the place or time that matters.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 16

Choose an object, place, or detail from this chapter that might matter later. How could it become important, and what makes you suspect that?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 15

Pick a description that helped you picture something clearly. Explain which words made the image strong.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 8

Describe how a character's feelings change during this chapter. What causes that change, and what clues show it?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

Find a word or phrase that helps create the mood of this chapter. What feeling does it give you, and how?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 14

What do you learn about the relationship between two characters in this chapter? Use something they say or do as evidence.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 13

Identify an action and its result in this chapter.
How does one lead to the other?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 10

Which problem might become harder to solve as
the story continues? Explain what makes you
think so.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 11

Where do you notice kindness, fairness, or a lack of either in this chapter? Explain what the scene suggests about treating others.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 12

Which small detail in this chapter caught your attention most? Explain why you found it interesting.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?
