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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

Allies

Author:

Alan Gratz

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.

How does Alan Gratz build suspense in this chapter without telling you everything at once?

Example answer: I think Alan Gratz builds suspense by showing only what the character can see and hear in the moment. I do not always know what is happening everywhere, so I feel nervous along with the character. The short scenes and danger around D-Day make me want to keep reading to find out if the plan will work.

How to Answer (continued)

How is Henry Allen treated by others in the story so far, and what does that reveal about fairness or unfairness?

Example answer: So far, Henry Allen's perspective makes me think about how unfairly people can be treated even when they are trying to help. He is part of the war effort, but he also has to deal with prejudice. That makes his service seem even braver to me because he keeps doing his job when things are not fair.

How does this chapter connect to the title Allies?

Example answer: This chapter connects to the title because it shows that the invasion depends on many people working together. The allies are not all the same kind of people, and they do not all have the same jobs. I think the title reminds me that victory takes soldiers, civilians, resistance workers, and helpers from many countries.

Chapter 1

What details in this chapter help you understand that Allies is set during World War II and the D-Day invasion?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 86

After this chapter, what important idea, image, or feeling stays in your mind, and why?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 85

What message about working together does this chapter seem to send?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

Which character's point of view did you follow in this chapter, and what did you learn from seeing the war through that person's eyes?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 3

What new detail about D-Day, Normandy, or the Allied forces did this chapter add to your understanding of the story so far?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 84

What prediction can you make about how the different storylines or characters might connect?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 83

How has the danger in the story grown, changed, or moved to a new place by this point?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

How does the setting in or near Normandy affect what the characters can do in this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

What words or phrases in this chapter helped create the mood, such as fear, hope, confusion, or excitement?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 82

Which character's goal is clearest to you right now, and what steps are they taking toward it?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 81

What does a character lose, gain, or give up in this chapter, and why does it matter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

What difficult choice does a character face in this chapter, and why is it not an easy decision?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

So far, how does Dee Carpenter show that he is carrying more than one kind of burden during the invasion?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 80

How does this chapter balance action with quieter moments of thought, memory, or emotion?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 79

What moment in this chapter shows that allies can be from different countries, backgrounds, or walks of life?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 8

What does Samira Zidane show about courage, loyalty, or resistance in the parts of the story you have read so far?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

How does one soldier, sailor, airman, medic, or civilian in this chapter contribute to the larger Allied effort?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 78

How does Monique Marchand's view of the war compare with the views of the soldiers and other adults?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 77

What question about Dee Carpenter's identity, choices, or future feels important to you right now?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 10

What question do you have after this chapter about a character, the mission, or what might happen next?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 11

What does this chapter show about fear, and how does a character respond to that fear?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 76

What does Samira Zidane's resistance work show about fighting back in ways that are not always on a battlefield?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 75

How does Henry Allen's perspective add to the story's message about service and equality?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 12

Which detail helped you picture the scene most clearly, and why did it stand out to you?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 13

How do characters communicate or struggle to communicate in this chapter, especially in the middle of danger?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 74

What lesson about bravery could a reader take from this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 73

What title would you give this chapter, and what part of the chapter does your title highlight?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 14

What have you learned so far about the French Resistance or people who helped the Allies from inside occupied France?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 15

How does Alan Gratz build suspense in this chapter without telling you everything at once?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 72

How do rules, orders, or military responsibilities affect what a character can or cannot do in this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 71

What detail about equipment, transportation, weapons, uniforms, or supplies helps you understand the challenges of the invasion?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 16

What mistake, misunderstanding, or unexpected problem appears in this chapter, and how does it affect the characters?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 17

How does teamwork appear in this chapter, even if the team is made of people from different places or backgrounds?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 70

How does the author switching among different viewpoints change the way you understand D-Day?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 69

What does this chapter show about helping strangers or people from another country?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 18

What seems to motivate one character in this chapter: duty, family, friendship, survival, justice, or something else?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 19

Choose one unfamiliar or important war-related word from this chapter. What do you think it means, and what clues helped you?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 68

Which character would you want beside you in a dangerous moment from this chapter, and why?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 67

How does the setting affect a character's choices in this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 20

If you could ask one character a question at this point in the story, what would you ask and why?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 21

How does this chapter show that civilians, not only soldiers, were affected by World War II?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 66

What can you infer from this chapter that the author does not state directly?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 65

How does one younger character or less powerful person show strength in this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 22

Compare two characters you have met so far. How are their goals, fears, or responsibilities alike and different?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 23

What moment in this chapter surprised you, confused you, or made you want to keep reading?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 64

What has been the most tense moment so far, and how did the author make you feel that tension?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 63

Which theme seems strongest in this chapter: courage, sacrifice, teamwork, identity, freedom, or survival? Explain your choice.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 24

So far, how do Dee Carpenter's secrets or worries affect the way you understand his actions?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 25

What do Samira Zidane's family, background, or home life add to the story's picture of the war?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 62

How does this chapter make you think about the meaning of home during wartime?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 61

What do the different names, languages, countries, or cultures in the story add to your understanding of the Allies?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 26

What prediction can you make about the next chapter based on a problem, clue, or cliff-hanger from this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 27

What object, place, message, or piece of information seems important in this chapter, and why might it matter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 60

How does a character use a special skill, knowledge, or quick thinking in this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 59

What inner conflict does a character seem to have in this chapter, and how can you tell?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 28

How does this chapter show that courage can look different for different people?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 29

What evidence from this chapter shows that the D-Day invasion was dangerous and complicated?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 58

How does this chapter show the difference between careful planning and the chaos of what actually happens?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 57

Which sensory detail from this chapter, such as a sound, sight, smell, or feeling, made the scene vivid?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 30

How does the point of view in this chapter limit what you know, and how does that make the story more interesting?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 31

What connection can you make between this chapter and something you already know about World War II or helping others?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 56

What does this chapter reveal about leadership, following orders, or making choices under pressure?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 55

How did your opinion of one character change after this chapter, and what caused the change?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 32

So far, how is James McKay handling the pressure of being part of the Allied invasion?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 33

How is Henry Allen treated by others in the story so far, and what does that reveal about fairness or unfairness?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 54

What does one character risk in this chapter, and what makes that risk meaningful?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 53

How does Alan Gratz help readers remember that D-Day involved real people, not just dates and maps?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 34

What does this chapter suggest about prejudice, respect, or judging people by where they come from?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 35

How does the author make a battle or dangerous mission feel real without making it only about fighting?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 52

What does a character learn in this chapter, either about the war, another person, or themselves?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 51

Describe a relationship or partnership in this chapter. How does it help or challenge the characters involved?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 36

What small decision in this chapter could become important later, and why do you think so?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 37

How does one character's emotion change during this chapter, and what causes the change?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 50

What would be hardest for you if you were in the situation described in this chapter, and why?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 49

How does this chapter connect to the title *Allies*?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 38

What part of this chapter would you reread to understand it better, and what would you look for the second time?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 39

How does Monique Marchand's experience help you see the war from a young person's point of view?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 48

What clue in this chapter shows that time is important or that the characters must act quickly?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 47

What does Dorothy Powell's role show about the different kinds of jobs people had during the war?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 40

What role do ordinary people play in this chapter, and how do their actions matter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 41

What does this chapter teach or suggest about trust during wartime?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 46

How do characters keep going in this chapter when they are tired, frightened, hurt, or unsure?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 45

How do water, land, air, roads, beaches, or towns affect the action in this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 42

Choose one line or short moment that stood out to you. What made it powerful, interesting, or important?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 43

How does Bill Richards fit into the larger picture of the Allied invasion so far?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 44

What is one problem with the Allied plan or mission that becomes clear in this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?
