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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

Bad Guys

Author:

Aaron Blabey

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.

Based on what you have read, what might make it hard for Mr. Wolf to convince others that he can be a good guy?

Example answer: I think Mr. Wolf will have trouble because people already expect a wolf to be dangerous. He wants them to see him as a good guy, but saying that might not be enough. I predict he will need to do something helpful to earn their trust. His actions could be stronger proof than his words.

Chapter 20

If you could give Mr. Wolf one piece of advice at this point in the story, what would it be, and why?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 19

What lesson about giving someone a chance could a reader take from the story so far?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

How to Answer (continued)

What have you learned so far about the difference between being called a bad guy and acting like one?

Example answer: I have learned that a label does not tell the whole story about someone. Mr. Wolf is trying to show that he can be good, even though wolves have a scary reputation. I think acting like a bad guy means making choices that hurt others. Being called one does not prove that those are the choices you will make.

Would you trust Mr. Wolf based on what you have read so far? Explain what has shaped your opinion.

Example answer: I would give Mr. Wolf a chance, but I would still pay attention to his choices. He wants others to believe he can be a good guy, and I think that is a hopeful goal. I would not decide he was bad just because he was a wolf. Still, I would want his actions to match what he says.

Chapter 1

So far, what does Mr. Wolf want others to understand about him, and what details show this?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 18

What difference have you noticed between what Mr. Wolf says about himself and how others see him? Explain with details from your reading so far.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 17

Which character you have met would you most want on your team for a helpful mission, and what makes him a good choice?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

Based on what you have read, what might make it hard for Mr. Wolf to convince others that he can be a good guy?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 3

How does Mr. Wolf’s way of speaking show his personality in the pages you have read?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 16

Choose a describing word from your latest chapter. How would replacing it with a different word change the way you picture an animal or a place?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 15

What has Mr. Wolf's behavior shown so far about what it takes to be a hero?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

What has the story suggested so far about judging animals by their looks or reputations?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

Choose a word from the chapter you just read that helps make the story funny. What do you think it means, and how does it add humor?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 14

What do you predict other characters will think of Mr. Wolf's wish to be a good guy? Support your idea with a detail you have read.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 13

How does Mr. Wolf, Mr. Snake, Mr. Shark, or Mr. Piranha respond to a problem in your reading so far? Choose a character you have already met and explain his response.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

Which part of the chapter you just read was funniest to you, and why did it work?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

What have you learned so far about the difference between being called a bad guy and acting like one?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 12

Would you trust Mr. Wolf based on what you have read so far? Explain what has shaped your opinion.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 11

Find a word or phrase in the chapter that shows a character's feelings. What clues help you understand those feelings?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 8

What choice might Mr. Wolf face next as he tries to be seen differently? Use a clue from your reading to explain your prediction.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

Among the characters you have met so far, who seems most sure of himself? Explain using something he says or does.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 10

Where does the chapter you just read take place, and how does that place affect what Mr. Wolf or another animal can do?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?
