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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

Big Jim Believes

Author:

Dav Pilkey

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.

What do you think the title *Big Jim Believes* suggests about being a hero? Connect your idea to what you have read so far.

Example answer: I think the title suggests that being a hero takes more than strength. The adventure includes a challenge from the Space Cuties From Space, so the heroes need reasons to keep trying. To me, believing in yourself means thinking you can help even when a problem looks hard. I will watch for whether Big Jim turns that belief into helpful actions.

How to Answer (continued)

Based on what you know so far, what do you predict Dog Man or Big Jim will need to do next? Explain the clue behind your prediction.

Example answer: I predict Dog Man will need to work with the other heroes instead of handling everything alone. My clue is that the Space Cuties From Space return and interrupt the celebration. Their arrival makes me think the heroes will need a new plan. Working together could give them more ideas.

Would you rather have Big Jim or Dog Man as a teammate, based on what you know so far? Explain which qualities would make that character helpful.

Example answer: I would choose Dog Man as my teammate. He is one of the heroes facing the trouble caused by the Space Cuties From Space. I would want a teammate who is willing to face a difficult problem with me. I would also try to help him, because being a good team should go both ways.

Chapter 1

So far, what problem seems most important for Big Jim or Dog Man to solve? Explain what makes that problem difficult.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 14

Looking back over your reading so far, which moment best shows what this adventure might teach about believing in yourself? Explain why you chose it.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 13

What question would you ask one of the characters right now? Explain what in your reading made you curious about the answer.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

Which character have you learned the most about in your reading so far? Describe something the character says or does that helps you understand them.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 3

How does the world of Dog Man mix silly details with serious problems? Choose one detail from your reading and explain how it affects the story.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 12

Would you rather have Big Jim or Dog Man as a teammate, based on what you know so far? Explain which qualities would make that character helpful.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 11

When has a character's behavior made you think about honesty or doing the right thing? Explain your thinking using your reading so far.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

What do you think the title Big Jim Believes suggests about being a hero? Connect your idea to what you have read so far.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

Choose an interesting word from the chapter you just read. What do you think it means, and how do the nearby words or pictures help you figure it out?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 10

How do the pictures help you understand something that the words alone might not explain? Describe an example from the chapter you just read.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

Where do you notice confidence or doubt in a character so far? Explain how that feeling affects the character's actions.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

Describe a choice a character makes in your reading so far. What other choice could that character have made, and how might it have changed things?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

What have you learned so far about the Space Cuties From Space or another challenge facing the heroes? Explain which details seem most important.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 8

Based on what you know so far, what do you predict Dog Man or Big Jim will need to do next? Explain the clue behind your prediction.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?
