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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

Big Nate, say good-bye to dork city

Author:

Lincoln Peirce

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.

So far, what do Nate Wright's words and actions show about how he wants other people to see him?

Example answer: I think Nate wants people to see him as cool, funny, and important. He does not want to seem like a dork, even when he makes mistakes. His confidence can be entertaining, but it also gets him into trouble sometimes. This makes him feel like a real kid because he cares about what others think.

Chapter 16

Looking back at this chapter and the book so far, how has your opinion of Nate changed, and what caused that change?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 15

What lesson might Nate learn from the events in this chapter, even if he has not learned it yet?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

How to Answer (continued)

What does this chapter suggest about fitting in, being popular, or staying true to yourself?

Example answer: This chapter suggests that trying to fit in can be stressful. Nate seems to care a lot about how people judge him, but he is also happiest when he acts like himself. I think the story is showing that popularity is not always as important as friendship and confidence. Being yourself may be harder, but it is more honest.

How do the drawings, comic panels, or facial expressions help you understand the characters' feelings in this chapter?

Example answer: The drawings help me understand the story because I can see the characters' faces and body language. Nate's expressions often show when he is proud, annoyed, surprised, or embarrassed. The pictures also make the jokes easier to understand because the reaction can be just as funny as the words. Without the art, I would miss some of the humor.

Chapter 1

After reading this chapter, what is the main problem Nate is dealing with at P.S. 38, at home, or with friends, and how does he try to handle it?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 14

Do you agree with the way Nate handles a problem in this chapter? Explain what you might have done the same way or differently.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 13

How does Lincoln Peirce use exaggeration, surprise, or silly details to create humor in this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

So far, what do Nate Wright's words and actions show about how he wants other people to see him?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 3

How do Francis, Teddy, or another friend or classmate affect Nate in this chapter? Explain whether they help him, challenge him, or make things more complicated.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 12

What conflict appears between Nate and another character, such as a teacher, principal, parent, friend, or classmate? How does the conflict begin or grow?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 11

How does Nate's mood change during this chapter? Use details from the words or pictures to explain your thinking.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

Which moment in this chapter did you find funniest, and what made it funny to you?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

Based on the way this chapter ends, what do you predict Nate will do next, and what clues make you think that?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 10

How does the school setting, such as P.S. 38, a classroom, or the hallways, affect what happens in this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

Which character makes a choice you noticed in this chapter, and do you think it was a smart choice? Why or why not?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

What does this chapter suggest about fitting in, being popular, or staying true to yourself?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

Choose one interesting or unfamiliar word or phrase from this chapter. What do you think it means, and what clues helped you figure it out?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 8

How do the drawings, comic panels, or facial expressions help you understand the characters' feelings in this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?
