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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

Boomer (the Puppy Place #37)

Author:

Ellen Miles

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.

If you could help the Peterson family care for Boomer, what job would you choose? Explain why that job would matter and what would make you a good helper.

Example answer: I would choose to help with Boomer's daily exercise. I think a puppy needs chances to move and play, not just food and a place to sleep. I would follow the family's instructions and pay attention to when he needed a break. Being careful and dependable would help me do this job well.

How to Answer (continued)

Based on what you know so far, what might make finding the right home for Boomer challenging? Explain why your prediction makes sense.

Example answer: I predict that finding someone who likes Boomer will not be the only challenge. His new family will also need enough time to care for him. Since the Petersons are helping a puppy find a home, I think they will need to consider what daily life with him would be like. I would look for clues about his needs as I keep reading.

What does the story suggest so far about the responsibilities of caring for a puppy like Boomer? Explain one lesson a reader could learn.

Example answer: I think one lesson is that caring for a puppy means making a commitment. Boomer needs people who will think about what is best for him, not just how much fun a puppy can be. To me, fostering shows how people can help an animal even when they are not its permanent family. It makes me think that kindness includes being responsible.

Chapter 1

What have you learned so far about Boomer and the Peterson family's role in helping him? Explain which information seems most important.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 10

Looking back over your reading so far, which moment involving Boomer seems most important? Explain how it affects your understanding of him or the people helping him.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

If you could help the Peterson family care for Boomer, what job would you choose? Explain why that job would matter and what would make you a good helper.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

Which detail from your reading helps you understand Charles or Lizzie Peterson better? Explain what it shows about that character.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 3

Based on what you know so far, what might make finding the right home for Boomer challenging? Explain why your prediction makes sense.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 8

Describe a feeling you noticed in Charles, Lizzie, or another character. What words or actions helped you recognize that feeling?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

What does the story suggest so far about the responsibilities of caring for a puppy like Boomer? Explain one lesson a reader could learn.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

How does the Peterson family's home affect your understanding of what it means to foster a puppy? Use a detail from your reading.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

Choose an action or decision from your reading that affects Boomer. Why do you think the character acted that way, and what else could the character have done?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

Find a word or phrase that helps you picture Boomer or understand his care. What do you think it means, and which nearby words help you figure it out?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?
