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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

Bridge to Terabithia

Author:

Katherine Paterson

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.

In Chapter 4, why is Terabithia important to Jess and Leslie? What does this imaginary place let them do or feel?

Example answer: I think Terabithia is important because it gives Jess and Leslie a place where they can be brave and creative. In real life, Jess often feels worried or left out, but in Terabithia he can be a king. Leslie also gets to use her imagination and share it with Jess. Their secret kingdom helps their friendship grow stronger.

How to Answer (continued)

In Chapter 8, Leslie goes to church with Jess's family. How do Leslie, Jess, and May Belle react differently to what they hear?

Example answer: Leslie seems interested in the church story because it is new to her, and she thinks about it in her own way. May Belle feels scared because she worries about what could happen to people who do not believe. Jess is caught in the middle because he knows the church lessons but also cares about Leslie. Their different reactions show that friends can think differently and still care about each other.

In Chapter 13, why does Jess build the bridge to Terabithia? How does inviting May Belle show that Jess has changed?

Example answer: I think Jess builds the bridge because he wants Terabithia to be safer and because he wants to honor Leslie. The bridge shows that he is trying to move forward instead of only feeling sad. When he invites May Belle, he shares something that used to belong just to him and Leslie. This shows he has become kinder, braver, and ready to help someone else use their imagination.

Chapter 1

In Chapter 1, what do you learn about Jess's goals and home life? How do these details help you understand him?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 13

In Chapter 13, why does Jess build the bridge to Terabithia? How does inviting May Belle show that Jess has changed?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

In Chapter 2, Jess likes to draw but does not feel comfortable telling everyone about it. What does this show about his character?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 3

In Chapter 3, how does Leslie change what happens at the races? What does her running show about her personality?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 12

In Chapter 12, Jess feels many strong emotions after Leslie's death. How does his father help him, and what does Jess begin to understand?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 11

In Chapter 11, how does Jess react when he learns what happened to Leslie? What do his actions and thoughts show about grief?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

In Chapter 4, why is Terabithia important to Jess and Leslie? What does this imaginary place let them do or feel?

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What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

In Chapter 5, Janice Avery seems like a giant to May Belle. What does the word giant mean in this situation, and how do Jess and Leslie handle the problem?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 10

In Chapter 10, why does Jess's day with Miss Edmunds feel so special to him? How does the ending of the chapter change the way you feel about that day?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

In Chapter 9, the rain and the rising creek make Terabithia feel different. How does the weather create a worried mood, and what might you predict could happen next?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

In Chapter 6, what do the Christmas gifts Jess and Leslie choose reveal about their friendship?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

In Chapter 7, how does Leslie's conversation with Janice change the way Jess sees Janice? What does this chapter suggest about kindness?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 8

In Chapter 8, Leslie goes to church with Jess's family. How do Leslie, Jess, and May Belle react differently to what they hear?

New word I learned:

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