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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

Buffalo Dreamer

Author:

Violet Duncan

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.

Choose one important word or phrase from this chapter connected to family, dreams, buffalo, culture, or history. What do you think it means, and why does it matter?

Example answer: I would choose the word "buffalo" because it seems to mean more than just an animal in this story. To me, the buffalo connects to strength, survival, and Summer's Indigenous identity. It matters because the title makes me think the buffalo will help Summer understand something important about herself and her family.

Chapter 28

After finishing this chapter, what do you think the title Buffalo Dreamer means?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 27

Which theme feels strongest right now: identity, family, memory, courage, truth, or healing? Give reasons from the chapter.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

How to Answer (continued)

Based only on the clues you have so far, what do you predict Summer will understand or discover next?

Example answer: I predict Summer will learn more about why her dreams feel so important. The clues so far make the dreams seem connected to family history and memories that have not been fully explained yet. I think she may need help from her family or community to understand what the dreams are trying to show her.

Which theme feels strongest right now: identity, family, memory, courage, truth, or healing? Give reasons from the chapter.

Example answer: The strongest theme to me is memory. Summer is learning that the past is not just something in a history book; it can still affect families and communities today. I also see healing, because the characters seem to care about facing hard truths together instead of forgetting them.

Chapter 1

After reading this chapter, what have you learned so far about Summer and her connection to her Cree family and community?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 26

Imagine you were in Summer's place during this chapter. What would you be wondering, feeling, or wanting to do?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 25

How does this chapter balance painful history with moments of care, hope, family, or healing?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

Which details in this chapter help you picture the setting, especially Summer's family's Cree community in Canada?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 3

Describe the most important problem, mystery, or question Summer seems to be facing right now.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 24

What information still feels missing or unclear at this point in the story?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 23

Compare Summer now with Summer near the beginning of the book. What is one way she has changed so far?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

How do Summer's thoughts and feelings in this chapter show what kind of person she is?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

Choose one important word or phrase from this chapter connected to family, dreams, buffalo, culture, or history. What do you think it means, and why does it matter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 22

What lesson about respect for people, ancestors, land, or stories appears in this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 21

Which scene, sentence, or moment felt the most powerful to you, and what made it stand out?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

In what way does this chapter show the importance of listening to family members, elders, or community stories?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

How are dreams, memories, or feelings from the past affecting Summer so far?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 20

How do adults and young people seem to view events differently in this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 19

Based only on the clues you have so far, what do you predict Summer will understand or discover next?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 8

What new information about Indigenous history or residential schools does this chapter bring up, and how do the characters respond to it?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

Which person's words or actions seem to influence Summer the most in this chapter? Explain your thinking.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 18

Pick two details from this chapter that reveal culture, traditions, family routines, or community life.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 17

Which part of this chapter made you slow down, reread, or think more deeply? Explain why.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 10

Write one question you would ask Summer if you could talk to her at the end of this chapter.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 11

How does Violet Duncan create the mood in this chapter? Use details that make the story feel serious, hopeful, mysterious, sad, or comforting.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 16

Where do you see strength or resilience in this chapter, either in Summer, her family, or her community?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 15

Describe a choice or challenge Summer or her family faces in this chapter. What makes it difficult?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 12

What connection can you make between Summer's experiences and the idea that remembering the past is important?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 13

If Summer could speak honestly to someone in her family right now, what do you think she might want to say?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 14

So far, what do buffalo seem to represent in the story? Use evidence from the chapter you just read.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?
