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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

Building 903

Author:

Lois Lowry

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.

Chapter 2: What is one choice a character made in this chapter? Why do you think the character made that choice, and what does it show about them?

Example answer: One choice a character made was to keep going even though the situation was difficult. I think the character made that choice because they did not want to give up or disappoint someone. This shows that the character is determined. It also makes me think they may become even braver as the story continues.

Chapter 12

Chapter 12: Looking back at this chapter, what question would you ask one of the characters? Explain why you would ask it and what answer you think the character might give.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 11

Chapter 11: What is something you noticed about the author’s writing style in this chapter, such as dialogue, description, or pacing? How did it affect your reading?

New word I learned:

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How to Answer (continued)

Chapter 6: What do you predict will happen next? Explain what clues from this chapter helped you make that prediction.

Example answer: I predict that the problem will get bigger before it gets solved. In this chapter, there were clues that the characters still do not understand everything that is happening. The author also ended the chapter in a way that made me want to keep reading. I think the next chapter will reveal an important piece of information.

Chapter 10: How did the setting affect the events or mood in this chapter? Describe how the place or time made a difference.

Example answer: The setting affected the mood by making the chapter feel tense and serious. The place seemed important because the characters had to pay attention to what was around them. If the chapter had happened somewhere else, the events might not have felt as urgent. The setting helped me imagine the scene more clearly.

Chapter 1

Chapter 1: What important information did you learn about the main character, the setting, or the problem in this first chapter? Explain which details seem most important so far.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 10

Chapter 10: How did the setting affect the events or mood in this chapter? Describe how the place or time made a difference.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

Chapter 9: Which part of this chapter did you find most surprising, confusing, or exciting? Explain your reaction and what made that part stand out.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

Chapter 2: What is one choice a character made in this chapter? Why do you think the character made that choice, and what does it show about them?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 3

Chapter 3: Choose a word or phrase from this chapter that felt important, interesting, or new to you. What do you think it means, and how did the author use it to help the story?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 8

Chapter 8: What is a possible lesson or theme you noticed in this chapter? Explain how the events or characters helped you think of that theme.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

Chapter 7: What problem or conflict stood out most in this chapter? How are the characters trying to deal with it?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

Chapter 4: What changed in the story during this chapter? Describe the change and explain how it might affect what happens next.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

Chapter 5: How did the author help you understand a character’s feelings in this chapter? Use at least one detail from the text in your answer.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

Chapter 6: What do you predict will happen next? Explain what clues from this chapter helped you make that prediction.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?
