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# Reading Journal

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My thoughts, chapter by chapter

**Reader:**

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**Book Title:**

Claudia and Mean Janine

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**Author:**

Ann M. Martin

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**Date Started:**

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**Date Finished:**

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*Keep reading. Keep wondering.*  
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# How to Answer

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*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.

**How would you describe the differences between Claudia and Janine based on what you have read? Explain how one difference might affect their relationship.**

**Example answer:** I think Claudia and Janine have different strengths. Claudia is creative and interested in art, while Janine is very strong at schoolwork. I can see how Claudia might feel frustrated if people compare them. I think they would get along better if each sister's talents were appreciated.

# Chapter 15

Looking back over your reading so far, what message about caring for others is beginning to emerge? Explain how Claudia's family life or babysitting connects to that message.

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## How to Answer (continued)

**If Claudia and Janine disagree again, what could help them understand each other better? Make a prediction based on their behavior so far.**

**Example answer:** I predict that listening without interrupting could help Claudia and Janine. So far, Claudia's frustration makes it hard for her to see things from Janine's side. I think each sister needs to explain her feelings instead of expecting the other one to guess. They might still disagree, but they could understand why the other person is upset.

**Would you want Claudia as a friend, based on what you have read so far? Support your opinion with a character trait and a detail from the story.**

**Example answer:** I would want Claudia as a friend because she is creative. Her interest in art makes me think she would have fun ideas for things we could do together. I also like that she belongs to a club where the members share an interest in babysitting. I would not expect her to be perfect, because everyone gets frustrated sometimes.

# Chapter 1

What has mattered most to Claudia in your reading so far: family, friends, school, or something else? Explain your choice using a detail from the story.

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# Chapter 14

What question would you ask Mimi, Claudia, or Janine about something you have read so far? Explain why you want to know the answer.

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# Chapter 13

Consider a moment in your latest chapter when someone speaks or acts in a way that stands out. What might that person be feeling underneath, and what clues support your idea?

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# Chapter 2

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# Chapter 3

What have you learned so far about Mimi's place in Claudia's family? Choose a detail that shows why she matters.

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# Chapter 12

Would you want Claudia as a friend, based on what you have read so far? Support your opinion with a character trait and a detail from the story.

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# Chapter 11

Which responsibility or problem seems most important to Claudia at this point? Explain how it affects her choices or feelings.

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# Chapter 4

Based on your reading so far, what do you predict Claudia will find hardest about balancing family responsibilities and the Baby-sitters Club? Explain what makes you think so.

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# Chapter 5

Which place in the story, such as the Kishi home or a Baby-sitters Club meeting place, helps you understand Claudia's life? Describe what that place shows you.

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# Chapter 10

How do Claudia's friends in the Baby-sitters Club fit into her life so far? Explain what her friendships show about her needs or interests.

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# Chapter 9

What does your reading so far suggest about the difference between being good at schoolwork and being good at other things? Connect your answer to Claudia or Janine.

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# Chapter 6

Choose a word or phrase from your latest chapter that helps describe a character's feelings. What do you think it means, and which nearby details helped you figure it out?

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# Chapter 7

When Claudia describes Janine, how might her feelings affect the way she tells the story? Use something you have read so far to explain.

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# Chapter 8

If Claudia and Janine disagree again, what could help them understand each other better? Make a prediction based on their behavior so far.

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