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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

Cooper (the Puppy Place #35)

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.

Based on a clue in this chapter, what do you predict might happen next? Explain how the clue supports your prediction.

Example answer: If a character kept looking at a locked door, I would predict that the door will become important later. I would use those repeated looks as my clue. I think the character might want to find out what is behind it. My prediction could change if the next chapter gives me new information.

How to Answer (continued)

Choose a word from this chapter that is new, interesting, or used in an unusual way. What do you think it means, and which nearby words help you figure it out?

Example answer: If I found the word "hesitated" beside a description of someone stopping before taking a step, I would think it means paused because of uncertainty. The stopping would be my first clue. I would also look for signs that the character felt nervous or unsure. To check my meaning, I would replace "hesitated" with "paused" and see whether the sentence still made sense.

Which decision in this chapter would have been hardest for you to make? Explain what you would consider before choosing.

Example answer: If a character had to choose between keeping a promise and asking an adult for help, I would find that decision difficult. I care about keeping promises because I want people to trust me. Still, I would think about whether someone could get hurt if I stayed quiet. If safety were at risk, I would ask a trusted adult for help and explain why.

Chapter 1

What is the most important thing that happens in the chapter you just read? Explain how it affects a character or changes the situation.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 10

Which moment in this chapter seems most important to the story so far? Explain how it connects to something you read earlier.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

What question are you still wondering about after reading this chapter? Explain which detail made you curious and why the answer might matter.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

Which action or line of dialogue helps you understand a character better in this chapter? Explain what it shows about that character.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 3

Based on a clue in this chapter, what do you predict might happen next? Explain how the clue supports your prediction.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 8

How does a character's mood change during this chapter? Describe what causes the change and how you can tell.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

What does this chapter suggest about how people should treat others? Explain your idea using a character's words or actions.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

How does the place where this chapter happens affect what the characters do? Use a detail from your reading.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

Choose a word from this chapter that is new, interesting, or used in an unusual way. 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?

Chapter 6

Which decision in this chapter would have been hardest for you to make? Explain what you would consider before choosing.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?
