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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

Danilo Was Here

Author:

Tamika Burgess

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 this chapter, what do you predict might happen next? Use at least two clues from the text.

Example answer: I predict the problem will get harder before it gets solved. One clue is that the chapter ended with the character still not knowing everything they need to know. Another clue is that the character's feelings seemed tense, so I think a new challenge may be coming. My prediction could change if the next chapter gives a surprising new clue.

Chapter 35

Summarize this chapter in a beginning, middle, and end. What details are most important to include?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

How to Answer (continued)

What lesson or message might the author be building in this chapter?

Example answer: I think the author might be building a message about being honest with yourself and other people. In this chapter, the character had to think carefully about what was right. That made me think the story is not just about events, but also about choices. The lesson may become clearer as the character faces more problems.

What was your favorite part of this chapter, and why did it stand out to you?

Example answer: My favorite part was the moment when the character's feelings became easier to understand. It stood out because it made the character seem more real to me. I could imagine how hard it would be to be in that situation. That part also made me want to keep reading to see what the character would do next.

Chapter 1

What was the most important event in this chapter, and why did it matter to the story?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 34

How do you think the main problem might be solved, based only on what you know so far?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 33

Why do you think the author included this chapter in the story? What job does it do?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

How did the setting in this chapter affect what the characters did or felt?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 3

What problem or challenge appeared in this chapter, and how did the characters respond to it?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 32

What was your favorite part of this chapter, and why did it stand out to you?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 31

Did any character change their mind, learn something, or see a situation differently in this chapter? Explain.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

What did one character's choice in this chapter show about their personality?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

What new information did you learn in this chapter that changed how you understand the story?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 30

What is one small moment from this chapter that you think could become important later?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 29

Did this chapter move quickly or slowly? Explain how the events, details, or dialogue affected the pace.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

Choose one interesting or unfamiliar word or phrase from this chapter. What do you think it means, and what clues helped you?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

Based on this chapter, what do you predict might happen next? Use at least two clues from the text.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 28

What connection can you make between this chapter and your own life, another book, or the world?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 27

Choose one sentence or moment that felt important. Why do you think the author wanted readers to notice it?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 8

How did a character's feelings change from the beginning of the chapter to the end?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

What did this chapter show about a relationship between two characters?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 26

What advice would you give to one character after reading this chapter? Explain why that advice might help.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 25

What obstacle made things harder in this chapter, and what did it reveal about a character?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 10

What small detail, object, or action in this chapter seemed important? Explain why you noticed it.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 11

Did you think something that happened in this chapter was fair or unfair? Explain your opinion with reasons.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 24

If you could give this chapter a title, what would it be? Explain why your title fits.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 23

Where did you see courage, kindness, honesty, or another important quality in this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 12

What lesson or message might the author be building in this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 13

How did the narrator's or main character's point of view shape the way you understood this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 22

Which sensory detail helped you picture the chapter best? Explain what it helped you see, hear, smell, taste, or feel.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 21

What question do you still have after reading this chapter, and why is it important?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 14

What was the main conflict in this chapter: character vs. self, character vs. character, character vs. nature, or character vs. society? Explain your thinking.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 15

What surprised you most in this chapter, and how did that surprise affect your reading?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 20

Compare how two characters acted in this chapter. How were their actions alike or different?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 19

What mood did this chapter create for you as a reader? Name the mood and describe how the author created it.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 16

How did the dialogue in this chapter help you understand the characters or the problem better?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 17

Was there a mistake, secret, or misunderstanding in this chapter? How did it affect what happened?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 18

If you could ask one character a question about this chapter, what would you ask and why?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?
