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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

Diary of a Wimpy Kid

Author:

Jeff Kinney

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 3: How does Greg treat Rowley in this part of the story? Use details to explain whether you think Greg is being a good friend.

Example answer: I do not think Greg is always being a good friend to Rowley. He sometimes acts like he is smarter or cooler than Rowley, and he tries to control what Rowley does. A good friend should care about the other person's feelings, not just about looking popular. Greg can be funny, but he still needs to treat Rowley with more respect.

How to Answer (continued)

Chapter 7: After Greg and Rowley have trouble with each other, what do you predict will happen next in their friendship? Explain your thinking.

Example answer: I predict Greg and Rowley will stay upset for a little while, but they will probably become friends again. They have been friends for a long time, so it would be hard for them to stop talking forever. I think Greg might have to realize that Rowley is important to him. If Greg apologizes or acts kinder, their friendship could get better.

Chapter 10: By the end of the book, what does Greg learn, or not learn, about honesty and friendship?

Example answer: By the end of the book, I think Greg learns a little bit about friendship, but he still has a lot to learn. He sees that his choices can hurt Rowley and cause problems. However, Greg does not always fully admit when he is wrong. This makes him seem like a real kid who is still growing and learning from mistakes.

Chapter 1

Chapter 1: Greg says his book is a journal, not a diary. Why does he care so much about that word, and what does it tell you about him?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 10

Chapter 10: By the end of the book, what does Greg learn, or not learn, about honesty and friendship?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

Chapter 9: When Greg makes a bad choice and someone else gets blamed, what should he have done instead? Why?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

Chapter 2: Greg wants to be popular at school. What are some things he does to try to look cool, and do they work the way he hopes?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 3

Chapter 3: How does Greg treat Rowley in this part of the story? Use details to explain whether you think Greg is being a good friend.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 8

Chapter 8: Compare Greg and Rowley. How are they alike, and how are they different?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

Chapter 7: After Greg and Rowley have trouble with each other, what do you predict will happen next in their friendship? Explain your thinking.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

Chapter 4: The word “popularity” is important in the book. What does popularity mean, and how does Greg’s idea of it affect his choices?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

Chapter 5: What message does this chapter show about trying too hard to impress other people?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

Chapter 6: How do Greg’s family members, like Rodrick or Manny, cause problems or make life harder for him?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?
