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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

Diary of an Awesome Friendly Kid: Rowley Jefferson's Journal

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.

How does Rowley's point of view make Greg seem different than Greg probably sees himself?

Example answer: Rowley's point of view makes Greg seem less perfect than Greg probably thinks he is. Since Rowley is telling the story, I notice how Greg's actions affect his best friend. Rowley often sounds kind and trusting, so when Greg acts bossy, it stands out more. I think this makes the story funny but also shows that friendship can be complicated.

Chapter 20

What do you think the title *Diary of an Awesome Friendly Kid* means based on what you have read so far?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 19

Which character do you understand better after this part, Rowley or Greg? Explain why.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

How to Answer (continued)

If you could give Rowley advice about writing a biography of Greg, what would you tell him and why?

Example answer: I would tell Rowley to write the truth, but also think about Greg's feelings. A biography should not just make someone look famous or perfect. It should show what the person is really like. I would also tell Rowley to include his own thoughts because his voice is what makes the journal fun to read.

Which moment in this chapter or section seemed funniest to you, and what made it funny?

Example answer: The funniest moment to me was when Rowley described something in a very serious way even though it sounded silly. I liked it because Rowley does not always realize how funny he is being. The humor comes from the difference between what Rowley thinks is happening and what the reader notices. That made me want to keep reading.

Chapter 1

What is Rowley Jefferson trying to do in his journal so far, and how is it different from the way Greg Heffley might tell the same story?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 18

What is something Greg says or does that affects Rowley? How does Rowley react?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 17

What question would you ask Rowley if you could talk to him after this chapter or section?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

How would you describe Rowley as a friend in this part of the book? Use one detail from what you read so far.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 3

What does Greg want other people to think about him, and how can you tell?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 16

How does Jeff Kinney use humor to show a serious idea about best friends?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 15

What is one place where the story feels realistic, even though it is written in a silly or exaggerated way?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

Which moment in this chapter or section seemed funniest to you, and what made it funny?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

So far, what is one problem caused by Rowley trying to write about Greg?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 14

If you could give Rowley advice about writing a biography of Greg, what would you tell him and why?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 13

What is one choice Rowley makes in this section, and what does that choice show about him?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

What do Rowley's words and drawings show about his personality? Explain your thinking.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

Choose an interesting or funny word or phrase from this part. What do you think it means, and why did the author choose it?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 12

How does Rowley's point of view make Greg seem different than Greg probably sees himself?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 11

What lesson about friendship might the author be showing so far?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 8

What do you predict Greg will do if Rowley's journal makes him look different from how he sees himself?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

How does the diary or journal format change the way you understand Rowley and Greg's friendship?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 10

In this part, who seems more honest: Rowley or Greg? Explain your answer with evidence from the reading.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?
