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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

Dinosaurs Before Dark

Author:

Mary Pope Osborne

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.

Annie runs into the woods and Jack follows, even though he wants to go home. Why do you think Jack goes after her?

Example answer: I think Jack goes after Annie because he is her big brother and he wants to keep her safe. He says they should go home, but he doesn't want to leave her alone in the woods. I would follow my sister too, even if I was a little annoyed.

How to Answer (continued)

Jack finds something shiny in the grass. What is it, and what questions does it give you?

Example answer: Jack finds a gold medallion in the grass. It has the letter M on it. I wonder who lost it and how it got all the way back to dinosaur times. Maybe someone else used the tree house before Jack and Annie did.

Jack is stuck and can't get to the tree house. What does he do to stay safe? What would you have done?

Example answer: Jack hides in the tall grass and stays very still so the Tyrannosaurus won't see him. He also thinks about what his book says. I would have hidden too, and I would try really hard not to make a sound.

Chapter 1

Annie runs into the woods and Jack follows, even though he wants to go home. Why do you think Jack goes after her?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 10

Back home, hardly any time has passed. What do Jack and Annie decide to keep secret? What do you think the letter M means?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

Jack gets help from a surprising friend in this chapter. Who helps him, and how did Annie's kindness earlier pay off?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

Jack makes a wish while looking at a picture in a book. What happens right after he says it? How would you feel?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 3

Annie climbs down to meet the Pteranodon while Jack stays in the tree house and reads. Which one are you more like, and why?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 8

Jack is stuck and can't get to the tree house. What does he do to stay safe? What would you have done?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

Jack goes back for his pack instead of running straight to the tree house. Was that a good choice? Why or why not?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

Jack checks his book before going near the Triceratops. Why is that a smart thing to do? What does he find out?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

Jack finds something shiny in the grass. What is it, and what questions does it give you?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

The big duck-billed dinosaur seems scary at first. How does Annie handle it? What does Jack do?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?
