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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

Dork Diaries 16

Author:

Rachel Renée Russell

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 reading Nikki's private diary shape your opinion of her? Discuss something you understand that another character might not.

Example answer: I understand Nikki better because her diary lets me hear the worries behind her reactions. Other people might only notice what she says or does, but I get to read how she feels about it. Her funny way of writing also makes me think she uses humor to handle uncomfortable feelings. That helps me see her as more than just someone who gets upset.

How to Answer (continued)

What could Nikki learn about handling frustration from her experiences so far? Explain how that lesson might help her later.

Example answer: I think Nikki could learn to pause before deciding that a frustrating situation is completely terrible. Her diary shows how strongly she feels about things, but a strong feeling does not always tell the whole story. Taking a little time could help her explain what is bothering her more clearly. I predict that this would help her avoid misunderstandings with people she cares about.

What question would you ask Nikki about something she has written so far? Explain why her answer would help you understand her better.

Example answer: I would ask Nikki whether she wants advice when she writes about her problems or mainly wants someone to listen. I notice that her diary gives her room to express feelings she might not share out loud. Her answer would help me understand what kind of support she needs. I think being a good friend means finding that out instead of immediately trying to fix everything.

Chapter 1

What seems most important to Nikki Maxwell in what you just read, and which details helped you figure that out?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 25

What idea about growing up stands out in your reading so far? Explain how Nikki’s experiences help develop that idea.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

How would you describe Nikki’s mood in this section? Explain how her diary writing reveals her feelings.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 3

Based on the story so far, what might make Nikki’s next day easier or harder? Support your prediction with a clue.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 24

Looking ahead from your current stopping point, which relationship in Nikki’s life seems most likely to change? Explain the clues behind your prediction.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 23

What question would you ask Nikki about something she has written so far? Explain why her answer would help you understand her better.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

What have you learned so far about Nikki and her little sister, Brianna? Explain one way their relationship affects Nikki’s thoughts.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

Which word or phrase in this section best captures Nikki’s personality? Explain its meaning and why it fits her.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 22

What does this section suggest about the difference between wanting attention and wanting to be understood? Connect your answer to Nikki.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 21

How might another person in Nikki’s life describe the situation you just read about? Explain what that person might notice differently.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

When does Nikki seem most confident or most unsure of herself in what you just read? What might explain that feeling?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

How does Nikki use humor in this section?
Explain whether it helps you understand her feelings or see the situation differently.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 20

Which moment or thought in this section feels most believable to you? Connect it to something a middle-school reader might understand.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 19

What responsibility does Nikki seem to have at this point, either to herself or to someone else? Explain how she responds to it.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 8

What does the story so far suggest about being a good sister? Use Nikki's thoughts or actions to explain your idea.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

Which concern of Nikki’s would you take most seriously, and why? Explain whether she seems to view it the same way you do.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 18

Choose a strong action word or descriptive phrase from this section. What picture does it create, and how would a simpler word change the effect?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 17

How does reading Nikki’s private diary shape your opinion of her? Discuss something you understand that another character might not.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 10

What can you infer about what Nikki wants other people to understand about her? Point to a detail from your reading.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 11

Choose an unfamiliar or interesting word from this section. How did the surrounding sentences help you understand it?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 16

What could Nikki learn about handling frustration from her experiences so far? Explain how that lesson might help her later.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 15

Which detail about Nikki’s home, school, or another place helps you understand her life? Explain what the detail adds.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 12

How do Nikki’s relationships influence what she notices or worries about in this section? Focus on a relationship that appears in your reading.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 13

If Nikki asked you for advice at this point, what would you tell her? Explain how your advice connects to her current situation.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 14

What difference do you notice between what Nikki knows for sure and what she assumes? Explain why that difference matters.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?
