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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

Dork Diaries 7

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.

So far, how are the TV-show/reality-star parts of the story changing Nikki’s normal school life?

Example answer: I think the TV-show parts make Nikki’s life feel much less private than before. Instead of just worrying about school, friends, and MacKenzie, she also has to think about how she looks to other people. That makes normal problems feel bigger and more embarrassing. It also shows that being noticed is not always as fun as it sounds.

Chapter 60

After finishing this chapter, what is the biggest change you have noticed in Nikki since the beginning of the book?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 59

What do you hope will happen next for Nikki, and what clues from this chapter support your hope?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

How to Answer (continued)

If Nikki could pause the action and give herself advice in this chapter, what do you think she should say?

Example answer: If Nikki could pause everything, I think she should tell herself to take a deep breath and not panic. She sometimes imagines the worst thing happening, but her friends usually help her think more clearly. I would want her to remember that one awkward moment does not ruin everything. She should be honest and ask for help if she needs it.

What message about fame or being popular can you take from this chapter?

Example answer: The message I take is that fame can make life more exciting, but it can also make it more stressful. Nikki wants people to like her, but attention can bring rumors, jealousy, and pressure. I think the book is saying that being popular is not as important as being a good friend and staying yourself. That is a lesson many kids can understand.

Chapter 1

What is the most important thing Nikki Maxwell is dealing with in this chapter, and why does it matter to her?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 58

What theme from the book feels strongest in this chapter: friendship, confidence, honesty, jealousy, or staying true to yourself? Why?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 57

How does Nikki’s family life connect with what is happening at school or with the TV-show storyline?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

How does Nikki’s diary voice help you understand her feelings in this part of Dork Diaries 7?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 3

What problem or awkward moment comes up in this chapter, and how does Nikki react to it?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 56

Which character’s actions surprised you in this chapter, and what made the surprise believable or unbelievable?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 55

What is an important decision a character faces in this section, and what are the possible consequences?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

So far, how are the TV-show/reality-star parts of the story changing Nikki’s normal school life?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

Which character seems to support Nikki the most in this chapter, and what do they do or say that shows it?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 54

How does this chapter compare with an earlier part of the book in mood, problem, or character behavior?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 53

If you could ask Nikki one question about her actions in this chapter, what would you ask, and why?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

How does Nikki’s friendship with Chloe and Zoey affect her choices in this section?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

What do you notice about MacKenzie’s behavior in this chapter, and how does it make the story more dramatic?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 52

What is one moment that seems over-the-top in a funny way, and how does it fit the Dork Diaries style?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 51

How does the author make Nikki’s worries feel realistic for a middle-school student?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 8

How is Brandon important to Nikki in this part of the book, even if he is not the main focus?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

What is one funny scene or line from this chapter, and why did it make you smile?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 50

What does this chapter make you think about privacy, especially when other people know your business?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 49

How do Chloe and Zoey help bring out a different side of Nikki than other characters do?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 10

What lesson about popularity or attention is beginning to show in the story so far?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 11

Choose one word or phrase from this chapter that stood out to you. What do you think it means, and why did the author use it?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 48

What word would you use to describe Nikki in this section, and what evidence supports your word?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 47

What message about fame or being popular can you take from this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 12

How does Nikki try to solve a problem in this chapter, and do you think her plan is a good one?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 13

What details in this chapter show Nikki’s personality as creative, dramatic, or caring?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 46

How does Nikki show courage, even if she still feels worried or embarrassed?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 45

What is a conflict in this chapter: person vs. person, person vs. self, or person vs. society? Explain your choice.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 14

How does Brianna add humor or trouble to Nikki's life in this section?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 15

What moment in this chapter would be hardest for you if you were in Nikki’s place, and why?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 44

How does Nikki’s point of view shape the way readers see MacKenzie or another character in this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 43

Which scene would you most want to see as part of a TV episode, and what would make it interesting to watch?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 16

How does Rachel Renée Russell use exaggeration to make this chapter funnier or more exciting?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 17

What is something Nikki wants in this chapter, and what might get in her way?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 42

What do you think Nikki learns about honesty or trust in this part of the book?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 41

How would you describe the mood of this chapter, and which events or words create that mood?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 18

How do the events in this section connect to the book's bigger ideas about being yourself?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 19

Which character changed your opinion of them a little in this chapter, and what caused that change?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 40

What is one example of a character making things harder for Nikki, and how does that affect the mood?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 39

What is one example of Nikki being a good friend, sister, or classmate in this section?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 20

What prediction can you make about Nikki’s next challenge based on what happened in this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 21

How does the school setting influence what happens in this part of the story?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 38

How does this chapter show the pressure of being noticed by classmates, friends, family, or cameras?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 37

What is one question you still have after reading this chapter, and why is it important to the story?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 22

What does this chapter show about the difference between real life and looking perfect on camera?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 23

If Nikki could pause the action and give herself advice in this chapter, what do you think she should say?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 36

How is humor used to make a serious problem feel easier to read about?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 35

Find a moment when Nikki is embarrassed or nervous. How does she handle it, and what does that reveal about her?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 24

How does the chapter show that friendships can be fun but also complicated?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 25

What is one choice Nikki makes here that you agree with, and what makes it a smart or kind choice?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 34

What does this chapter teach about jealousy, competition, or comparing yourself to others?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 33

How does Nikki balance what she wants with what other people expect from her in this section?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 26

What choice does Nikki make that you might handle differently, and what would you do instead?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 27

How does the author build suspense or make you want to keep reading at the end of this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 32

What small detail from this chapter might become important later, and why do you think so?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 31

Which relationship in the story is most important in this chapter: Nikki and Chloe/Zoey, Nikki and Brandon, Nikki and MacKenzie, or Nikki and her family? Explain.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 28

What emotion does Nikki seem to feel most strongly in this section, and what clues show that emotion?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 29

How do Nikki’s drawings, diary style, or dramatic descriptions add to the meaning of this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 30

What does this part of the book suggest about rumors, attention, or people watching you?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?
