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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

Dragonborn

Author:

Struan Murray

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.

Choose an unfamiliar or interesting word from this chapter. What do you think it means, and which nearby words helped you?

Example answer: If I chose the word 'hesitated,' I would first look for clues about what the character did. If the next sentence described the character pausing before acting, I would think the word meant waiting because of uncertainty. I would try replacing 'hesitated' with 'paused' to see whether the sentence still made sense. Then I would check a dictionary to see how close my guess was.

How to Answer (continued)

Which part would you choose to reread, and what would you hope to notice the second time?

Example answer: I would choose the part I found hardest to understand. On my first reading, I sometimes focus on finding out what happens next and miss small details. The second time, I would slow down and look closely at the characters' words and actions. I would hope to find a clue that makes their choices clearer.

What would you ask the author about a writing choice in this chapter, and why?

Example answer: I would ask, 'How did you decide which details to tell readers and which to leave out?' I like trying to figure things out while I read, but I also want enough clues to understand the story. I would be interested in how the author finds that balance. The answer might help me make my own stories more interesting.

Chapter 1

What was the most important event in this chapter, and how did it affect what happened next?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 42

If you could give this chapter a new title, what would you choose, and why does it fit?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 41

What does this chapter suggest about facing problems? Connect your idea to a character's words or actions.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

Which choice helped you understand a character better? Explain what that choice showed you.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 3

Based on a clue in this chapter, what do you think might happen next?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 40

Locate a word or phrase that creates a cheerful, tense, sad, or mysterious mood. Explain how it helps create that mood.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 39

Do you expect a relationship in the story to grow stronger, become harder, or stay the same? Support your prediction with a clue.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

Choose an unfamiliar or interesting word from this chapter. What do you think it means, and which nearby words helped you?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

What does this chapter suggest about being brave? Use a detail to explain your idea, or explain why bravery did not seem important here.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 38

How does a character handle a mistake, difficulty, or surprise in this chapter? What does that response reveal?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 37

Which detail helped clear up something you had wondered about earlier? If nothing was cleared up, explain what you still want to know.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

Which part of this chapter caught your attention most, and why?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

How would you explain this chapter to someone who had not read it? Include the key events without listing every detail.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 36

Would you want to spend time in the place described in this chapter? Explain using details about the setting.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 35

What does this chapter suggest about kindness? Explain your idea, or discuss why another value seems more important here.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 8

What might one character be feeling but not saying aloud? What clues support your answer?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

What problem do you expect a character to face soon, and what makes you think so?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 34

Choose a word you know that seems to have a special meaning in this chapter. How does the sentence help you figure out that meaning?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 33

Imagine a different choice a character could make next. How might that choice change the story?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 10

Find a sentence that helped you picture something. Which words made the picture clear?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 11

How did a character's actions affect someone else in this chapter? What lesson might a reader learn from that?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 32

What advice would you give a character at this point in the story? Use something from the chapter to explain your advice.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 31

What changed between the beginning and the end of this chapter? Explain why that change matters.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 12

Do you agree with a decision made in this chapter? Explain your reasons.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 13

Where and when does this chapter take place?
How does the setting affect what the characters can do?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 30

What would you ask the author about a writing choice in this chapter, and why?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 29

How does this chapter explore working together or handling something alone?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 14

What seems most important to one character right now? Explain how you can tell.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 15

Which detail might become important later?
Explain your prediction without reading ahead.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 28

Pick a strong action word from this chapter. Why is it a better choice than a simpler word, such as 'went' or 'did'?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 27

What question do you hope the next chapter will answer? Explain why that answer matters.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 16

Choose a word that describes a feeling in this chapter. How would replacing it with a different word change the meaning?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 17

What does this chapter show about trust, or about being careful whom to trust?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 26

Which action or line of dialogue reveals something about a character's personality?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 25

What caused an important event in this chapter?
Explain the connection between the cause and the result.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 18

Which part would you choose to reread, and what would you hope to notice the second time?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 19

What new information did you learn in this chapter? How does it connect to something you already knew about the story?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 24

How did this chapter make you feel, and which part caused that feeling?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 23

What idea about fairness could a reader explore through this chapter? Support your thinking with a detail.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 20

How are two characters alike or different in the way they respond to something in this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 21

If the main problem continues, what might a character try next? Explain why that action would make sense.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 22

Find a phrase whose meaning is not clear at first. How could the surrounding sentences help you understand it?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?
