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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

Eleanor & Park

Author:

Rainbow Rowell

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.

Eleanor and Park have an important hand-holding moment. Why does this small action feel so big to them?

Example answer: I think the hand-holding feels big because they have been shy and careful with each other. They do not always say their feelings out loud, so touching hands is like a quiet message. To me, it shows that they trust each other more than before. It also makes their friendship feel like it is changing into something deeper.

How to Answer (continued)

Eleanor receives unkind attention at school. How should classmates act when they see someone being teased or bullied?

Example answer: I think classmates should not laugh or join in when someone is being teased. They could sit with the person, tell the bully to stop if it is safe, or get help from an adult. Even one kind person can make someone feel less alone. I would want someone to help me, so I should try to help others too.

The ending includes a postcard with only three words. What do you think those words might mean, and why?

Example answer: I think the three words might mean that Eleanor still cares about Park. She has been through a lot, so writing even a small message could be a brave step for her. The postcard makes me feel hopeful because it shows she has not forgotten him. It does not answer everything, but it leaves the door open.

Chapter 1

At the start, Eleanor has trouble finding a seat on the bus. What does this scene show about the students on the bus and about Park?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 58

Looking back at the whole book, what is one theme the author wants readers to remember about love, kindness, or bravery?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 57

The ending includes a postcard with only three words. What do you think those words might mean, and why?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

Eleanor is back living with her family. What details help you understand how she feels at home?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 3

Park thinks about his own family and school life.
How is his world different from Eleanor's so far?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 56

Park waits for a message from Eleanor. What
does waiting show about hope and patience?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 55

Eleanor struggles to write to Park. Why might writing a letter be harder than speaking?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

Eleanor's clothes and appearance make other students notice her. Why do you think people sometimes judge others by how they look?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

Park notices Eleanor reading his comic over his shoulder. What does this silent moment tell you about both characters?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 54

How do Park's parents respond after the trip, and what does their response show about family?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 53

Park returns home after helping Eleanor. How might he feel different from the person he was at the beginning?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

Park begins leaving comics where Eleanor can read them. Why might sharing something without talking feel safer for him?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

Eleanor starts to trust Park a little with the comics and music. What signs show that their friendship is beginning?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 52

When Eleanor reaches a safer place, what feelings might she have all at once?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 51

Park and Eleanor have to depend on each other during a frightening time. What strengths does each person show?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 8

How does Eleanor's experience in gym class or at school show the theme of fitting in versus standing out?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

Park brings music for Eleanor. What can music help people express when they do not know what to say?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 50

Eleanor thinks about saying goodbye. Why can goodbyes be hard even when they are necessary?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 49

How does the car trip change the relationship between Eleanor and Park?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 10

Eleanor has to be careful at home. What does this chapter help you infer about Richie's power in the house?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 11

Park wonders what others think of Eleanor. How does he begin to see her differently from the way classmates see her?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 48

Park makes a serious decision to help Eleanor leave. What risks is he taking?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 47

Eleanor realizes the danger at home is worse than she thought. What choices does she have, and why are they difficult?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 12

Choose one word from this chapter that describes Eleanor's mood. Explain why that word fits.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 13

Park and Eleanor communicate more through comics, music, and small actions. How can actions be as important as words?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 46

Park wants to protect Eleanor. What are helpful and not-so-helpful ways to protect someone you care about?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 45

Eleanor discovers that someone has been invading her privacy. How does this change the mood of the story?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 14

What do Park's thoughts about his parents show about what he wants from them?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 15

Eleanor and Park have an important hand-holding moment. Why does this small action feel so big to them?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 44

What does this chapter suggest about trust?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 43

Eleanor feels both happy and worried in her relationship with Park. How can two opposite feelings be true at the same time?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 16

How does Eleanor react to kindness, and what does her reaction tell you about her past experiences?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 17

Park wants to understand Eleanor better. What questions do you think he still has about her life?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 42

How does Park's father change in the way he treats Park? What may have caused that change?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 41

Eleanor and Park try to make plans together.
What obstacles make normal teenage plans hard for them?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 18

Eleanor's home and Park's home feel very different. Which details make one place feel safer than the other?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 19

Park shares more music with Eleanor. What does his choice of songs tell you about him?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 40

Choose a sentence or moment from this chapter that shows tension. What makes it feel tense?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 39

The story includes moments of jealousy or insecurity. What makes Eleanor or Park feel unsure?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 20

Eleanor is nervous about being noticed. How does fear affect the choices she makes?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 21

How do Park's friends and classmates influence the way he acts around Eleanor?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 38

How do Eleanor and Park comfort each other when life feels difficult?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 37

Park stands up for Eleanor. Was his choice the best way to help? Explain your thinking.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 22

Eleanor begins spending time with Park outside the bus. What new challenges does this create for her?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 23

Park's mother has strong first impressions of Eleanor. How do first impressions change as people learn more?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 36

Eleanor's family problems become harder for her to ignore. What warning signs do you notice?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 35

Park changes his appearance in a way that surprises people. What might this change show about his identity?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 24

What does this chapter show about the importance of having at least one person on your side?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 25

Eleanor keeps some problems secret. Why might a character hide the truth even from someone who cares?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 34

What conflict does Park have with his father, and how does it affect Park's feelings about himself?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 33

Eleanor compares herself to others. How does comparing yourself to other people help or hurt?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 26

Park and Eleanor's friendship is becoming a romance. What clues show their feelings are changing?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 27

How does the author use small details, like clothing, songs, or comic books, to show what characters care about?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 32

Park's mother begins to understand Eleanor more. What helps her view Eleanor in a new way?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 31

Eleanor visits Park's home. What makes this visit exciting, awkward, or important?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 28

Park's family notices his relationship with Eleanor. How do different family members respond?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 29

Eleanor receives unkind attention at school. How should classmates act when they see someone being teased or bullied?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 30

What does Park learn about courage in this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?
