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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

Ellray Jakes Rocks The Holidays!

Author:

Sally Warner

Date Started:

Date Finished:

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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.

Which choice in this chapter tells you something about a character's personality? Explain what you learned.

Example answer: For this practice answer, I am imagining a character who admits a mistake even though they might get in trouble. I think that choice shows honesty and courage. The character could have stayed quiet, but telling the truth gives others a chance to fix the problem. I would support my answer with the character's exact words from the chapter.

Chapter 20

Looking back at this chapter, how does its ending connect to its beginning? Explain what has changed or what remains unresolved.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 19

Choose a decision from this chapter that you agree or disagree with. What reasons support your opinion?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

How to Answer (continued)

Choose an interesting or unfamiliar word from this chapter. What do you think it means, and which clues help you understand it?

Example answer: For this practice answer, I am imagining that I found the word "reluctant" in a chapter. If the character pauses and keeps making excuses before joining an activity, I would use those actions as clues. I would explain that "reluctant" means not wanting or not feeling ready to do something. Then I would reread the sentence to check whether that meaning fits.

Choose a decision from this chapter that you agree or disagree with. What reasons support your opinion?

Example answer: For this practice answer, I am imagining a character who decides to ask for help with a difficult task. I agree with that decision because asking for help can prevent a problem from getting worse. I do not think needing help means someone is weak. I would point to a detail showing why the task was too difficult to handle alone.

Chapter 1

What is the most important event in the chapter you just read, and why does it matter to the story?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 18

Describe how the mood changes during this chapter, or explain how it stays the same. Which details create that mood?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 17

What question would you ask a character about something they did in this chapter? Explain what you hope to understand.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

Which choice in this chapter tells you something about a character's personality? Explain what you learned.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 3

Based on a clue in this chapter, what do you predict will happen next? Explain your thinking.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 16

Where do you notice fairness, kindness, courage, or another important value in this chapter? Explain your choice.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 15

Explain how two events in this chapter are connected. Does one cause the other, or are they connected in another way?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

How does the setting affect what happens in this chapter? Use a detail from the text.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

Choose an interesting or unfamiliar word from this chapter. What do you think it means, and which clues help you understand it?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 14

If you could give one character advice after this chapter, what would you say and why?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 13

Pick a word or phrase that helps you picture a scene. What does it help you imagine, and why is it effective?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

What problem does a character face in this chapter, and what makes it difficult to solve?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

Describe a moment when a character's feelings become clear. What words or actions reveal those feelings?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 12

Compare two characters' reactions to something in this chapter. What do their reactions show about them?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 11

Find a detail that seems likely to matter later.
What might it help explain or cause?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 8

Which part of this chapter would you most like to
discuss with a friend, and why?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

How does something a character says affect another character in this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 10

What lesson about life might a reader learn from this chapter? Explain how an event supports your idea.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?
