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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

Five Little Peppers and How They Grew

Author:

Margaret Sidney

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.

How do the Pepper children try to make the best of having very little money? Describe one choice they make and what it shows about their family.

Example answer: I think the Pepper children try to be happy even when they do not have much. Instead of only complaining, they look for little ways to help or cheer each other up. This shows that their family is poor in money but rich in love. It also shows that they have learned from Mamsie to be brave and grateful.

How to Answer (continued)

Which Pepper child stands out to you most in this chapter, and why? Tell what that character says or does that helps you understand them better.

Example answer: Polly stands out to me most because she seems like she is always thinking about other people. She wants to help Mamsie and take care of the little ones, even when she is tired. That makes me think she is kind and responsible. I also think she sometimes has a lot of pressure on her because she is still a child too.

What lesson about patience, hard work, or cheerfulness can you find in this chapter? Explain how one character teaches that lesson.

Example answer: One lesson I noticed is that hard work can be a way to show love. Mamsie works hard for her children, and the children try to help in the ways they can. They cannot fix every problem quickly, but they keep going. That teaches me that being cheerful does not mean life is easy; it means you keep trying anyway.

Chapter 1

So far, what have you learned about life in the Peppers' little brown house? Use details from the chapter to explain what daily life is like for Mamsie, Ben, Polly, Joel, Davie, and Phronsie.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 17

At this point in the book, what do you think the story is really teaching about family? Use details about the Peppers to support your answer.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

How do the Pepper children try to make the best of having very little money? Describe one choice they make and what it shows about their family.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 3

Which Pepper child stands out to you most in this chapter, and why? Tell what that character says or does that helps you understand them better.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 16

What is one scene from this chapter that you would like to draw? Describe what would be in the picture and why that scene matters.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 15

How do Mamsie’s words or actions guide the Pepper children? Describe one moment when she influences the way they think or behave.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

What problem or worry is most important in the chapter you just read? Explain how the Peppers respond to it.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

Choose one word or phrase from this chapter that helped you picture the Peppers' home, feelings, or situation. What do you think it means, and why is it a good word for that moment?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 14

What lesson about patience, hard work, or cheerfulness can you find in this chapter? Explain how one character teaches that lesson.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 13

So far, how are friends, neighbors, or new people outside the Pepper family affecting the story? Explain whether their actions seem helpful, confusing, or important.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

Polly often tries to help Mamsie and the younger children. So far, how does Polly show responsibility, and what makes her job hard?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

Ben is one of the older Pepper children. What does this chapter show about the way he cares for his family?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 12

How does the author make the Peppers' struggles feel real to the reader? Point to a moment that made you feel worried, hopeful, or curious.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 11

What do you predict might happen next for the Pepper family? Use clues from the chapter, not just a guess.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 8

Joel, Davie, and Phronsie are younger children with different personalities. How does one of them act in this chapter, and what does that add to the story?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

What does this chapter show about love in the Pepper family? Give an example of a small action that means a lot.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 10

If you were in the little brown house with the Peppers, what advice or help would you want to give them at this point in the story? Explain your thinking.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?
