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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

Freedom Walkers

Author:

Russell Freedman

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.

In Chapter 2, what do Rosa Parks's actions show about her character? Use details from the chapter to explain your thinking.

Example answer: I think Rosa Parks's actions show that she was brave and calm. She knew the bus rules were unfair, but she did not yell or fight. When she refused to give up her seat, she stood up for herself and for other Black people in Montgomery. Her choice helped many people decide it was time to work for change.

How to Answer (continued)

In Chapter 5, how did leaders and everyday people work together to keep the boycott going?

Example answer: In my opinion, the boycott lasted because many people shared the work. Leaders helped plan meetings, give speeches, and organize rides. Everyday people walked long distances, drove others, and stayed away from the buses. This shows that a big change needed both strong leaders and regular people helping every day.

In Chapter 9, what is one big lesson or theme from the Montgomery Bus Boycott? How can that lesson still matter today?

Example answer: One big lesson is that people can make change when they work together and do not give up. The walkers had to be patient because the boycott lasted a long time. Today, this lesson still matters because people still need to speak up when something is unfair. The book shows me that peaceful action can be powerful.

Chapter 1

In Chapter 1, what bus rules made life unfair for Black riders in Montgomery, and how did those rules affect people’s everyday lives?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

In Chapter 9, what is one big lesson or theme from the Montgomery Bus Boycott? How can that lesson still matter today?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

In Chapter 2, what do Rosa Parks’s actions show about her character? Use details from the chapter to explain your thinking.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 3

In Chapter 3, the word “boycott” becomes very important. What does a boycott mean in this story, and why did people think it might help?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 8

In Chapter 8, how did the court case help the bus boycott, and why was the legal decision important?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

In Chapter 7, what is your opinion of the ways people helped each other during the boycott, such as walking, sharing rides, or organizing carpools?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

In Chapter 4, after the first day of the bus boycott, what do you predict will happen next? What clues from the chapter support your prediction?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

In Chapter 5, how did leaders and everyday people work together to keep the boycott going?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

In Chapter 6, what examples of courage do you notice, and why were those actions brave?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?
