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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

Ghost

Author:

Jason Reynolds

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.

How does Ghost's past seem to affect the way he acts in the present? Give an example from the chapter you just read.

Example answer: I think Ghost's past makes him feel like he always has to be ready to run or protect himself. He does not seem like a kid who feels completely safe all the time. Because of what happened with his dad, running is connected to fear, not just fun. This helps me understand why he can get angry or act tough.

How to Answer (continued)

How would you describe Coach Brody's relationship with Ghost so far? What does Coach seem to understand about him?

Example answer: So far, Coach Brody seems strict but also caring. He does not just see Ghost as a troublemaker or a fast runner. I think Coach understands that Ghost has been through hard things and needs someone to believe in him. Their relationship seems like it could help Ghost learn discipline.

What is one prediction you have about Ghost's future with the Defenders track team? Use clues from the story so far to support your idea.

Example answer: I predict Ghost will become more serious about being on the team. He is very fast, and Coach notices that he has talent. But I also think he will have to learn how to follow rules and control his temper. The clues show that running could be a big chance for him if he chooses to work hard.

Chapter 1

So far, what have you learned about Castle Cranshaw, who calls himself Ghost? Use details about what he says, does, or thinks to describe him.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 10

What lesson or message do you think Jason Reynolds may be building so far about fear, anger, friendship, or second chances?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

What is one prediction you have about Ghost’s future with the Defenders track team? Use clues from the story so far to support your idea.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

How does Ghost’s past seem to affect the way he acts in the present? Give an example from the chapter you just read.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 3

What role does running play in Ghost’s life so far? Is it just a sport for him, or does it mean something more? Explain your thinking.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 8

Which character besides Ghost seems important right now, such as his mother, Coach, Mr. Charles, or someone on the track team? Why does that character matter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

How do the places in Ghost’s life, such as his neighborhood, school, or the track, shape the story so far?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

How would you describe Coach Brody’s relationship with Ghost so far? What does Coach seem to understand about him?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

Choose one word or phrase from the chapter that stood out to you. What do you think it means, and why did the author choose it?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

Ghost sometimes has strong feelings that lead him to make quick choices. What is one choice he has made so far, and what do you think motivated it?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?
