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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

Ghost Squad

Author:

Claribel A. Ortega

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.

Chapter 5: Why do Lucely and Syd decide to take a risk in this chapter? Do you understand their choice? Explain your thinking.

Example answer: I think Lucely and Syd take a risk because they want to protect the people and spirits they care about. They do not fully understand the danger yet, but they feel like they have to do something instead of just watching the problem get worse. I understand their choice because if my family were in trouble, I would want to help too. Still, I think they should have been more careful and asked more questions first.

Chapter 32

Chapter 32: Looking back at the whole book, how has Lucely changed from the beginning to the end? What message do you think the author wants readers to remember?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 31

Chapter 31: How satisfying is the ending for one character you care about? Explain what happens to that character and how you feel about it.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

How to Answer (continued)

Chapter 14: How does Lucely show courage in this chapter, even if she is scared? Explain the difference between being brave and not being afraid.

Example answer: Lucely shows courage because she keeps trying to help even when the situation is scary and confusing. She is not acting like everything is easy, but she does not give up. To me, being brave does not mean you never feel afraid. It means you feel afraid and still choose to do the right thing.

Chapter 30: What lesson about grief, love, or family do you think this chapter teaches? Use details from the story to explain your answer.

Example answer: I think this chapter teaches that loving someone does not stop just because they are gone. Lucely's connection to her family helps her understand that memories can be powerful and comforting. The story shows that grief can hurt, but it can also remind us how much people matter. I liked that the book treats family love as a kind of strength.

Chapter 1

Chapter 1: How does the first chapter introduce Lucely Luna, her family, and the ghostly parts of her everyday life? Use details from the chapter to explain what makes her world unusual.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 30

Chapter 30: What lesson about grief, love, or family do you think this chapter teaches? Use details from the story to explain your answer.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 29

Chapter 29: How does the biggest conflict of the story change in this chapter? Describe an important action, choice, or discovery that affects the outcome.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

Chapter 2: What problem or worry begins to build for Lucely and her dad in this chapter? How does Lucely react to it?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 3

Chapter 3: What do you learn about Syd as Lucely's best friend? Describe two actions or words that show what kind of friend Syd is.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 28

Chapter 28: Before the final challenge, what do you predict could go wrong or right for Lucely and her friends? Explain the clues that guide your prediction.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 27

Chapter 27: How do the characters show trust in one another during danger? Why is trust important for the ghost squad?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

Chapter 4: How does the author use spooky or mysterious details to create the mood in this chapter? Choose one detail and explain how it made you feel as a reader.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

Chapter 5: Why do Lucely and Syd decide to take a risk in this chapter? Do you understand their choice? Explain your thinking.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 26

Chapter 26: What is the group's plan in this chapter, and what job does each important character seem to have? How prepared do they seem?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 25

Chapter 25: What was the scariest, funniest, or most exciting moment in this chapter for you? Explain why that moment stood out.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

Chapter 6: Based on the strange events in this chapter, what do you predict might happen next? What clues helped you make that prediction?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

Chapter 7: What changes do Lucely notices about the spirits or magic around her? Why are these changes important to the story?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 24

Chapter 24: Find a sentence or moment with strong sensory details or figurative language. How does the author's language help you imagine the scene?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 23

Chapter 23: How does the setting make this chapter feel suspenseful? Describe where the characters are and why it matters.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 8

Chapter 8: How would you describe Lucely's relationship with her father? Give an example from the chapter that shows their connection.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

Chapter 9: How does friendship help Lucely or Syd face something frightening in this chapter? What does this show about the theme of the story?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 22

Chapter 22: How does this chapter show the theme of taking responsibility for mistakes? What does a character do to try to make things right?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 21

Chapter 21: What strengths does Syd bring to the ghost squad? Describe how her personality or skills help the group.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 10

Chapter 10: Choose an important word from this chapter that connects to ghosts, magic, or fear. What do you think it means, and how did the sentence help you understand it?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 11

Chapter 11: Do you think Lucely and Syd should have asked an adult for help sooner, or were they right to handle things themselves at first? Explain your opinion with evidence from the story.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 20

Chapter 20: What do you think the dangerous spirits want, based on what happens in this chapter? Use evidence from the story to support your idea.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 19

Chapter 19: What obstacle gets in the way of the characters' plan in this chapter? How do they respond when things do not go smoothly?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 12

Chapter 12: What role does Babette play in this chapter? How does she change what Lucely and Syd know about their problem?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 13

Chapter 13: What new clue or piece of information changes the characters' plan in this chapter? How does it raise the stakes?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 18

Chapter 18: Which choice made by Lucely, Syd, or another character seems the wisest in this chapter? Explain why you think it was a smart choice.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 17

Chapter 17: Pick one unfamiliar or interesting word from this chapter. What do you think it means, and what context clues helped you figure it out?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 14

Chapter 14: How does Lucely show courage in this chapter, even if she is scared? Explain the difference between being brave and not being afraid.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 15

Chapter 15: How does Lucely's family history matter to the events in this chapter? What does the chapter show about remembering the people we love?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 16

Chapter 16: What does the group learn about magic, spirits, or rules in this chapter? Why is that information useful?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?
