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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

Ghost Town at Sundown

Author:

Mary Pope Osborne

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.

Jack and Annie arrive in a Wild West town, but no one is there. What does 'ghost town' mean? What clues show it is empty?

Example answer: A ghost town is a town where everyone moved away and left the buildings behind. The clues are the dusty street, the empty buildings and the quiet. Jack reads in his book that people left when the gold ran out.

How to Answer (continued)

Jack and Annie meet a cowboy named Slim. What is he like? Why does he help them?

Example answer: Slim is tall and quiet and a little grumpy at first, but he is kind. He helps Jack and Annie because they are kids on their own in a dangerous place. He also needs help getting his horses back.

The answer to the riddle is found in a special place. What is the answer, and how does the place give it away?

Example answer: The answer is an echo. In the canyon, when Annie calls out, her voice comes back to her out of the blue sky. The riddle said a lonely voice calls out to you, and an echo is a voice with nobody there.

Chapter 1

The new riddle is about a ‘lonely voice.’ Write it down and make a guess before you read on.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 10

What did Jack and Annie learn from Slim? What did you learn about life in the Old West?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

The answer to the riddle is found in a special place. What is the answer, and how does the place give it away?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

Jack and Annie arrive in a Wild West town, but no one is there. What does 'ghost town' mean? What clues show it is empty?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 3

Something spooky happens in the old town.
What is it, and what do you think caused it?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 8

Jack and Annie have to face the horse thieves.
How do they and Slim outsmart them?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

Annie has a special way with one of the horses. What does she do, and how does the horse react?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

Jack and Annie hear riders coming. Who arrives, and why do the kids hide?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

Jack and Annie meet a cowboy named Slim.
What is he like? Why does he help them?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

Slim’s wild horses, the mustangs, are in danger.
What is the plan, and what part do Jack and Annie play?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?
