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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

Gooney Bird Greene

Author:

Lois Lowry

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 Gooney Bird use storytelling in the part you just read? Explain what makes her story interesting or surprising.

Example answer: I think Gooney Bird uses storytelling to get everyone's attention and make ordinary events sound exciting. She chooses interesting details and tells things in a confident way. Her story is surprising because it sounds unusual, but she wants people to believe it is true. That makes me want to keep reading to see what she will say next.

Chapter 8

What is your opinion of Gooney Bird as a main character right now? Describe something you like, wonder about, or find surprising about her.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

What do you predict Gooney Bird might do or say next, based on what you have read so far? Explain your thinking with evidence.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

How to Answer (continued)

How do Gooney Bird's classmates react to her so far? What do their reactions tell you about the classroom community?

Example answer: So far, Gooney Bird's classmates seem curious about her. They listen when she talks, and they want to know more about her stories. This tells me the class is a place where students pay attention to each other. It also shows that Gooney Bird is becoming an important person in the classroom.

What is your opinion of Gooney Bird as a main character right now? Describe something you like, wonder about, or find surprising about her.

Example answer: My opinion is that Gooney Bird is brave and creative. I like that she does not seem embarrassed to be different from everyone else. I wonder if she always plans what she is going to say or if she thinks of her stories quickly. She surprises me because she acts very sure of herself.

Chapter 1

So far, what have you learned about Gooney Bird Greene, and what details show that she is different from the other students in Mrs. Pidgeon's class?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

What lesson about being yourself or using your imagination can a reader take from this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

How do Gooney Bird's classmates react to her so far? What do their reactions tell you about the classroom community?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

How does Gooney Bird use storytelling in the part you just read? Explain what makes her story interesting or surprising.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 3

What does Mrs. Pidgeon seem to value in her classroom? Use details from the chapter to describe what kind of teacher she is.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

Choose one word or phrase from the chapter that stood out to you. What do you think it means, and why was it important in that part of the story?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?
