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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

Graciela in the Abyss

Author:

Meg Medina

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 did the main character respond to a challenge in this chapter, and what does that response show about them?

Example answer: I think the main character responded by trying to stay calm instead of giving up right away. Even though the situation was hard, they looked for a way to handle it. This shows me that they may be more determined than they think they are. It also makes me wonder if they will become braver as the story continues.

How to Answer (continued)

Choose one interesting word or phrase from this chapter. What do you think it means, and why do you think the author used it?

Example answer: One phrase that stood out to me made the scene feel dark and tense. I think it meant that the character felt trapped or unsure about what would happen next. The author probably used those words to help readers feel the same worry the character felt. It made the chapter more exciting to read.

What object, place, memory, or repeated idea seemed meaningful in this chapter? Explain why it stood out.

Example answer: A repeated idea in this chapter seemed important because it kept coming back when the character was making choices. I think it stood out because it may connect to the character's past or to something they still need to understand. It made me pay closer attention to details that might matter later. I would watch for that idea in the next chapter too.

Chapter 1

What is the most important thing you learned about the setting in this chapter, and how did it affect the mood of the story?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 34

How has the story changed from the first chapter to now, and what are you most curious about next?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 33

What is one opinion you have about a character’s actions in this chapter, and what evidence supports your opinion?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

Which moment in this chapter seemed to begin a new problem or change an old one, and why did it matter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 3

How did the main character respond to a challenge in this chapter, and what does that response show about them?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 32

What object, place, memory, or repeated idea seemed meaningful in this chapter? Explain why it stood out.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 31

Which character had the most power or control in this chapter, and how did they use it?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

What did one character say or do in this chapter that helped you understand their personality better?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

Choose one interesting word or phrase from this chapter. What do you think it means, and why do you think the author used it?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 30

What did you learn from the chapter title, if there is one, after reading the chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 29

How did the setting influence what characters could or could not do in this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

What question are you left with after reading this chapter, and what clues might help answer it later?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

Which small detail in this chapter seemed important, even if it did not seem important at first? Explain your thinking.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 28

What was left unsaid between characters in this chapter, and why might that silence matter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 27

Which part of this chapter felt most realistic to you, and why?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 8

How did a relationship between two characters grow, weaken, or become more complicated in this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

What choice did a character make in this chapter, and what other choice could they have made instead?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 26

What is one theme that seems to be growing stronger, and how does this chapter add to it?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 25

How does this chapter connect to something earlier in the book?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 10

Based on what happened in this chapter, what do you predict might happen next? Use at least one clue from the text.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 11

What emotion seemed strongest in this chapter, and how did the author help you feel it?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 24

What mistake, misunderstanding, or risky decision happened in this chapter, and what might come from it?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 23

Find a sentence or moment that created a clear picture in your mind. What did you imagine, and which words helped you?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 12

How did the beginning of this chapter connect to the ending of the chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 13

What lesson or message might the author be developing in this chapter? Explain with evidence from what you read.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 22

How did your feelings about one character change while reading this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 21

What is something a character notices in this chapter that other characters might miss? Why could it be important?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 14

Which character did you understand better after this chapter, and what new information changed your thinking?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 15

What was the most surprising part of this chapter, and why did it surprise you?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 20

How did the author build suspense or make you want to keep reading in this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 19

What is one thing a character wants in this chapter, and what is standing in their way?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 16

Describe one conflict from this chapter. Is it mostly a conflict inside a character, between characters, or with the outside world?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 17

What does this chapter show about courage, fear, friendship, family, or another important idea?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 18

If you could give advice to one character at this point in the story, what would you say and why?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?
