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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

Growing Home

Author:

Beth Ferry

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 7: What do you predict will happen next, and what evidence from this chapter supports your prediction?

Example answer: I predict that the main character will try a new way to solve the problem instead of giving up. In this chapter, I noticed that the character paid close attention and started thinking more carefully. That makes me think the character is learning from what has already happened. I also think the next chapter might show whether the plan works or not.

How to Answer (continued)

Chapter 18: What advice would you give to one character at this point in the story? Explain why your advice might help.

Example answer: I would tell the character to be honest about their worries instead of keeping everything inside. When characters do not share their feelings, other people cannot help them. I think talking to someone kind would make the problem feel smaller. It might also help the character understand that they are not alone.

Chapter 34: How does this chapter show that growth can happen in more than one way? Think about people, relationships, or places.

Example answer: This chapter shows that growth is not only about something getting bigger or older. I think the characters are growing because they are learning how to trust each other and make better choices. Their home or community also feels like it is changing because people are caring for it in a new way. To me, that shows growth can happen inside people and around them at the same time.

Chapter 1

Chapter 1: What does the first chapter help you understand about the setting and the idea of home in the story? Use details from the chapter to explain your thinking.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 45

Chapter 45: Looking back at the whole book, what do you think the story’s message is? Use examples from the beginning, middle, and end to support your answer.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

Chapter 2: What do you learn about the main character’s personality in this chapter? Which actions, thoughts, or words show this?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 3

Chapter 3: Choose one important word or phrase from this chapter. What do you think it means, and why is it important to the story?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 44

Chapter 44: What final changes do you notice in the characters or their home by this chapter? Why are those changes meaningful?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 43

Chapter 43: How do the characters work together in this chapter? What does their teamwork help them accomplish?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

Chapter 4: What problem or challenge becomes clearer in this chapter? How might it affect what happens next?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

Chapter 5: How do the characters treat one another in this chapter? What does this show about their relationships?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 42

Chapter 42: What problem is close to being solved in this chapter? What still needs to happen?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 41

Chapter 41: Which earlier event does this chapter remind you of? How are the two moments alike or different?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

Chapter 6: What is one question you have after reading this chapter? What clues from the story make you wonder about it?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

Chapter 7: What do you predict will happen next, and what evidence from this chapter supports your prediction?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 40

Chapter 40: What does this chapter suggest about what it means to belong somewhere? Use details from the story.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 39

Chapter 39: How does 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 8

Chapter 8: How does the main character change, even a little, in this chapter? Explain what causes the change.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

Chapter 9: What part of this chapter feels most important to the plot? Why do you think the author included it?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 38

Chapter 38: What is the most important thing a character realizes in this chapter? How might that realization change the character's actions?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 37

Chapter 37: What is one connection you can make between this chapter and your own life, another book, or the world around you?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 10

Chapter 10: What lesson about patience, growth, or belonging do you notice in this chapter? How does the chapter show that lesson?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 11

Chapter 11: Describe a choice a character makes in this chapter. Do you agree with the choice? Why or why not?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 36

Chapter 36: How does this chapter make you feel as a reader? What specific moment makes you feel that way?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 35

Chapter 35: What words or actions in this chapter reveal how a character is feeling? Explain the evidence you found.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 12

Chapter 12: What new information do you learn in this chapter? How does it change your understanding of the story?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 13

Chapter 13: Pick a sentence, description, or moment that created a strong picture in your mind. What did you imagine, and how did the author help you see it?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 34

Chapter 34: How does this chapter show that growth can happen in more than one way? Think about people, relationships, or places.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 33

Chapter 33: What is one mistake a character makes in this chapter? What could the character learn from it?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 14

Chapter 14: How is the mood of this chapter different from the mood earlier in the book? What words or events create that mood?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 15

Chapter 15: Which character do you understand better after reading this chapter? What did you learn about that character?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 32

Chapter 32: What do you predict will happen with the main problem after this chapter? What clues make you think so?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 31

Chapter 31: Which character shows courage, kindness, or responsibility in this chapter? Describe what the character does.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 16

Chapter 16: What conflict appears or grows stronger in this chapter? Is it a problem between characters, inside a character, or both?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 17

Chapter 17: How does this chapter connect to the title Growing Home? Give at least one detail from the chapter.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 30

Chapter 30: What theme, or big idea, is becoming stronger in the story by this chapter? Support your answer with details.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 29

Chapter 29: How does the setting influence what happens in this chapter? What might be different if the setting changed?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 18

Chapter 18: What advice would you give to one character at this point in the story? Explain why your advice might help.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 19

Chapter 19: What is something a character hopes for in this chapter? How can you tell?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 28

Chapter 28: What detail in this chapter seems small but might become important later? Explain your reasoning.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 27

Chapter 27: How do the character’s feelings change from the beginning to the end of this chapter? What causes the change?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 20

Chapter 20: Choose a word that might be new or interesting to you from this chapter. How can you use context clues to figure out its meaning?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 21

Chapter 21: What surprised you most in this chapter? How did the surprise affect your feelings about the story?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 26

Chapter 26: What obstacle do the characters face in this chapter, and what steps do they take to handle it?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 25

Chapter 25: If you could ask the author one question about this chapter, what would it be? Why would you ask that question?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 22

Chapter 22: How does a friendship, family bond, or community connection develop in this chapter? Use details to support your answer.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 23

Chapter 23: What do you think is the most important decision made in this chapter? How could it shape later events?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 24

Chapter 24: What does this chapter teach about taking care of something or someone? How do the characters show care?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?
