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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets

Author:

J. K. Rowling

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.

In Chapter 3, how is life at the Burrow different from life at the Dursleys' house? Use details from the chapter.

Example answer: Life at the Burrow is much warmer and happier than life at the Dursleys' house. At the Dursleys', Harry is treated like a problem and has to hide who he really is. At the Burrow, the Weasleys welcome him, feed him, and let magic be part of everyday life. I think Harry feels more at home there because people care about him.

How to Answer (continued)

In Chapter 12, Harry and Ron use Polyjuice Potion to learn more about Draco. Was their plan a good idea? Explain your opinion with reasons.

Example answer: I think their plan was brave, but it was also very risky. They wanted to find out who was opening the Chamber, so their reason was important. However, the potion could have gone wrong, and they might have gotten caught or hurt. I think they should have told a trusted teacher, but I understand why they felt they had to act.

In Chapter 16, Harry and Ron decide to go into the Chamber of Secrets. What does their choice show about friendship and bravery?

Example answer: Harry and Ron's choice shows that real friends help each other even when they are scared. They know Ginny is in danger, so they decide to act instead of waiting. Ron stays with Harry even though the Chamber is dangerous and mysterious. This shows bravery because they do the right thing even when it is frightening.

Chapter 1

In Chapter 1, how do the Dursleys treat Harry on his birthday, and what does this show about Harry's life at Privet Drive?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 18

In Chapter 18, Dobby is freed. What lesson about fairness or kindness do you think this ending teaches?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 17

In Chapter 17, Harry learns the truth about Tom Riddle and the Chamber. How does this chapter connect clues from earlier in the book?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

In Chapter 2, Dobby tries to stop Harry from going back to Hogwarts. What do you think Dobby is afraid will happen, and why?

New word I learned:

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Chapter 15

In Chapter 15, Harry and Ron follow the spiders into the forest. What do they learn from Aragog, and how does it help the mystery?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

In Chapter 4, Harry meets Gilderoy Lockhart at Flourish and Blotts. What kind of person does Lockhart seem to be, and what clues help you decide?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

In Chapter 5, Harry and Ron make a risky choice when they cannot get onto Platform Nine and Three-Quarters. What were the results of their choice?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 14

In Chapter 14, Hagrid is taken away and Dumbledore must leave Hogwarts. How does this change the mood of the story?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 13

In Chapter 13, Harry finds Tom Riddle's diary. Why do you think the diary is important, and what questions does it make you wonder about?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

In Chapter 6, Harry hears strange whispers that no one else can hear. How does this mystery make the story feel more suspenseful?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

In Chapter 7, Draco uses a cruel word to insult Hermione. How do the characters' reactions show what they believe is right or wrong?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 12

In Chapter 12, Harry and Ron use Polyjuice Potion to learn more about Draco. Was their plan a good idea? Explain your opinion with reasons.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 11

In Chapter 11, the Dueling Club teaches Harry something surprising about himself. How does this discovery affect the way other students see him?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 8

In Chapter 8, Harry attends Nearly Headless Nick's deathday party. What new details do you learn about ghosts and the magical world?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

In Chapter 9, the message on the wall scares the students. How do fear and rumors change the way people act at Hogwarts?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 10

In Chapter 10, the rogue Bludger keeps attacking Harry during the Quidditch match. What does Harry's behavior during the match tell you about his character?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?
