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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince

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.

Chapter 4: What seems most important to Horace Slughorn when Harry and Dumbledore visit him? Explain how his home and his talk about former students give you clues.

Example answer: I think Slughorn cares a lot about comfort and knowing important people. He talks proudly about former students who became successful. He also seems especially interested in Harry because Harry is famous. These clues make me think he enjoys feeling important through his friendships.

How to Answer (continued)

Chapter 12: How does Katie Bell's encounter with the cursed necklace change the mood of the Hogsmeade visit? Explain which details make the danger feel real.

Example answer: I noticed that the visit changes from an ordinary trip into a frightening emergency. Katie rises into the air and screams after touching the necklace. That detail makes the danger feel real because she cannot control what is happening to her. I think the scene shows that even a place students enjoy visiting may not be safe.

Chapter 23: Why does Voldemort want to make Horcruxes? Explain how this goal connects to his fear of death.

Example answer: I think Voldemort wants Horcruxes because he is terrified of dying. A Horcrux holds a hidden piece of his soul, which can keep him from being fully destroyed. He is willing to murder people and damage his own soul to gain that protection. To me, this shows that his wish for power is also driven by fear.

Chapter 1

Chapter 1: How does the meeting between the Muggle Prime Minister, Fudge, and Scrimgeour show that trouble in the wizarding world also affects people without magic?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 30

Chapter 30: At Dumbledore’s funeral, what do the many different people who attend help Harry understand about Dumbledore’s place in their lives?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 29

Chapter 29: How does Fawkes’s song help express the feelings of the people at Hogwarts? Explain why music might say something that ordinary words cannot.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

Chapter 2: What does the phrase “Unbreakable Vow” suggest about the promise Snape makes to Narcissa at Spinner’s End? Use details from their meeting to explain.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 3

Chapter 3: How does Dumbledore stand up for Harry during his visit to the Dursleys, and what does this show about how he thinks Harry should be treated?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 28

Chapter 28: Harry calls Snape a coward during their confrontation. What does the word “coward” mean to Harry in this moment, and why does he use it?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 27

Chapter 27: What do Draco’s words and actions on the Astronomy Tower reveal about his feelings toward the task he has been given?

New word I learned:

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Chapter 4

Chapter 4: What seems most important to Horace Slughorn when Harry and Dumbledore visit him? Explain how his home and his talk about former students give you clues.

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Chapter 5

Chapter 5: At the Burrow, Harry learns that he has been made Quidditch captain. How might this new responsibility affect his friendships and his school year?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 26

Chapter 26: In the cave, how do Harry and Dumbledore depend on each other? Describe a moment when one of them needs the other's help.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 25

Chapter 25: How does learning that Snape overheard the prophecy affect Harry's feelings about Dumbledore's trust in Snape?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

Chapter 6: Which details from Draco's visit to Borgin and Burkes make Harry suspicious? Explain which clue you find most convincing.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

Chapter 7: Compare Slughorn’s friendly gathering on the train with Harry’s secret visit to Draco’s compartment. What does Harry hope to gain from each situation?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 24

Chapter 24: What lesson could Harry learn from using Sectumsempra against Draco without knowing what the spell does? Support your answer with the consequences in this chapter.

New word I learned:

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Chapter 23

Chapter 23: Why does Voldemort want to make Horcruxes? Explain how this goal connects to his fear of death.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 8

Chapter 8: How do Tonks and Snape treat Harry differently when he arrives late at Hogwarts? What do their actions suggest about their attitudes toward him?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

Chapter 9: Harry uses handwritten notes in his Potions textbook to succeed in Slughorn’s lesson. Do you think accepting this help is a good choice? Explain your reasons.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 22

Chapter 22: During the evening of Aragog’s burial, how do Felix Felicis and Harry’s conversation with Slughorn help Harry obtain the memory he needs?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 21

Chapter 21: Why is it so difficult for Harry to get into the Room of Requirement while Draco is using it? Explain what this shows about the room's magic.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 10

Chapter 10: In the memory of the Gaunt family, what is the difference between being proud of your family and treating other people as less important?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 11

Chapter 11: Why does Hermione secretly interfere with Cormac McLaggen’s Quidditch tryout? What does her choice reveal about her feelings and her sense of fairness?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 20

Chapter 20: What do the memories involving Hepzibah Smith and Voldemort’s request for a Hogwarts job suggest about the kinds of things Voldemort values?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 19

Chapter 19: Harry asks Kreacher and Dobby to follow Draco. How do the two house-elves' attitudes toward Harry differ, and how might that affect their work?

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Chapter 12

Chapter 12: How does Katie Bell's encounter with the cursed necklace change the mood of the Hogsmeade visit? Explain which details make the danger feel real.

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Chapter 13

Chapter 13: What does Dumbledore’s visit to young Tom Riddle at the orphanage reveal about Tom’s behavior? Choose two details that help you understand him.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 18

Chapter 18: How does Harry respond when Ron is poisoned in Slughorn’s room? What does his response show about using knowledge in an emergency?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 17

Chapter 17: What makes Dumbledore think Slughorn’s memory has been changed? Explain why getting the true memory matters to their investigation.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 14

Chapter 14: Harry lets Ron believe that he has put Felix Felicis in Ron’s drink before the Quidditch match. What does Ron’s performance suggest about the power of confidence?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 15

Chapter 15: After Harry overhears Snape and Draco arguing at Slughorn’s party, what do you predict Harry will do with this information? Support your prediction with what he has learned so far.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 16

Chapter 16: Why does Harry refuse to give Scrimgeour the support he wants during their conversation at the Burrow? Explain what matters more to Harry than pleasing the Ministry.

New word I learned:

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