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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

Hurricane Heist

Author:

James Ponti

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.

What advice would you give a character after this chapter? Explain how your advice could help.

Example answer: For this example, I am imagining a character who wants to solve a problem without asking for help. I would tell the character to talk to someone they trust before making a big decision. Another person might notice something the character missed. I think asking for help can be a smart choice, not a sign of weakness.

Chapter 44

What scene would you illustrate from this chapter, and which details would you include to show why it matters?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 43

If you gave this chapter a newspaper headline, what would it be, and why would it fit?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

How to Answer (continued)

Choose an unfamiliar or tricky word from this chapter. What do you think it means, and which nearby words help you?

Example answer: For this example, I am imagining that I found the word 'hesitated' in a sentence about someone pausing before opening a door. I think 'hesitated' means stopped for a moment because of being unsure. The words about pausing help me figure out the meaning. I would check by replacing 'hesitated' with 'paused because they were unsure' and seeing whether the sentence still makes sense.

How does a character feel during this chapter, and what words or actions help you figure that out?

Example answer: For this example, I am imagining a scene where a character keeps checking the clock and tapping a foot. I think the character feels nervous about waiting. Those actions make me picture someone who cannot relax. I would also look at what the character says to see whether it supports my idea.

Chapter 1

What are the most important things that happen in this chapter, and how are they connected?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 42

How might one event in this chapter sound different if another character told it?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 41

Where does this chapter feel fast or slow?
Explain how that pace affects your reading.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

What does a character want in this chapter, and
what makes that goal easy or hard to reach?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 3

How does the place or time of this chapter affect what happens?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 40

What mood does this chapter create, and which details help create it?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 39

How does this chapter connect to the book's title, or what connection might become clearer later?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

Which problem gets the most attention in this chapter, and why is it important?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

Describe two events from this chapter in order.
Why does their order matter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 38

What part of this chapter would you like explained more clearly? Describe what you understand and what still puzzles you.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 37

Which part of this chapter feels most believable to you, and why?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

What causes a character to make an important choice in this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

Which action in this chapter has the biggest effect on someone else? Explain the effect.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 36

What advice would you give a character after this chapter? Explain how your advice could help.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 35

What choice in this chapter would you have made differently, and why?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 8

What new information do you learn in this chapter, and how does it help you understand the story?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

Why do you think a character acts the way they do in this chapter? Use a detail to support your idea.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 34

Which part of this chapter surprised you most, and what had you expected instead?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 33

What is your favorite moment in this chapter, and what makes it stand out?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 10

How does a character feel during this chapter, and what words or actions help you figure that out?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 11

What does one action in this chapter show about a character's personality?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 32

Choose a descriptive word from this chapter and suggest a replacement. How would your new word change the meaning or feeling?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 31

Pick a word from something a character says or thinks. How does that word help show the character's mood?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 12

How do two characters treat each other in this chapter, and what does that show about their relationship?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 13

In what way are two characters alike or different in this chapter? Give an example.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 30

Which word seems especially important to this chapter, and how does it connect to what happens?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 29

Find a word or phrase that helps you picture something clearly. What picture does it create in your mind?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 14

Whose thoughts or feelings do you understand best in this chapter, and how does the author help you understand them?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 15

When a character faces something difficult in this chapter, how do they respond?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 28

Choose an unfamiliar or tricky word from this chapter. What do you think it means, and which nearby words help you?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 27

What does this chapter show about knowing when to keep trying and when to try a different approach?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 16

Does anyone change their mind or learn something in this chapter? Explain what changes, or why someone keeps the same opinion.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 17

What do you predict will happen next, based on the end of this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 26

Who takes responsibility—or avoids it—in this chapter, and why does that matter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 25

What does this chapter suggest about working with others instead of working alone?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 18

Which small detail from this chapter might become important later, and why?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 19

What might go wrong with a character's plan or goal? Use something from this chapter to explain your prediction.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 24

Where do you notice courage, or a need for courage, in this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 23

Which moment in this chapter makes you think about fairness? Explain what seems fair or unfair.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 20

How might the setting create a new challenge in the next chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 21

What question are you still wondering about, and what answer seems possible so far?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 22

What lesson could a reader learn from a choice made in this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?
