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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

I am Malala

Author:

Malala Yousafzai

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.

Based on your reading so far, do you think girls and boys have the same chances to learn in Malala’s world? Explain what seems fair or unfair.

Example answer: I do not think girls and boys always have the same chances to learn in Malala’s world. Malala explains that girls are not always valued in the same way as boys. Her father supports her learning, but not every girl has that support. I think this is unfair because being a girl should not decide whether someone can go to school.

Chapter 24

Choose one important event from your reading so far. How would you explain what happened and why it matters to someone who has never heard of Malala?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 23

How might a small action in the pages you have read make a difference to Malala, her family, or her community?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

How to Answer (continued)

What does Malala's story suggest so far about why a young person's voice matters? Support your idea with a detail from the book.

Example answer: I think Malala's story shows that young people have important ideas about their own lives. She explains why school matters to her instead of letting adults tell her whole story. Her love of learning helps me understand what children could lose when they cannot attend school. I believe listening to children can help adults make fairer choices.

In what way are Malala and her father alike, and in what way do they seem different so far? Use details from the book.

Example answer: I notice that Malala and her father both care deeply about education. Her father runs a school, and Malala loves being a student. They are different because he sees school as a parent and teacher, while she sees it as a child who wants to learn. I think their different experiences help them understand why education matters.

Chapter 1

What have you learned so far about why going to school matters to Malala? Explain using a detail from your reading.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 22

If you could ask Malala one question about something you have already read, what would you ask? Explain why her answer would matter to you.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 21

In what way are Malala and her father alike, and in what way do they seem different so far? Use details from the book.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

How does Malala's father, Ziauddin, show what he believes about education in the pages you have read?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 3

Which detail about Malala’s home in Pakistan’s Swat Valley helps you picture her world? Explain why that detail stands out.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 20

What detail about daily life in Pakistan has taught you something new? Explain what you learned without assuming that everyone in Pakistan lives the same way.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 19

How do Malala's own wishes connect with what her family wants for her? Describe a way those wishes match or differ in your reading so far.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

Based on your reading so far, do you think girls and boys have the same chances to learn in Malala's world? Explain what seems fair or unfair.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

What do you predict Malala will do next to work toward a hope she has shared? Use something you have already read as a clue.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 18

Select an unfamiliar word from Malala’s account of her life in Pakistan. What might it mean, and which clues helped you make that guess?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 17

Which problem from your reading do you think could become harder for Malala or her family? Explain the clues behind your prediction.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

Choose a word connected to school or learning from your reading. What do you think it means, and how does it help you understand Malala's experience?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

Where in your reading so far does Malala seem brave, worried, or both? Explain what her feelings help you understand about her.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 16

What part of Malala’s life feels familiar to you, even if your home is very different from hers? Explain the connection.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 15

How does a school connect people in Malala’s community, based on what you have read? Give an example of that connection.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 8

What have you learned about Malala’s family life? Describe a family detail that helps you understand her better.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

What does Malala’s story suggest so far about why a young person’s voice matters? Support your idea with a detail from the book.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 14

Which belief seems especially important to Malala so far? Describe how her words or actions reveal that belief.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 13

What lesson about fairness can you find in the pages you have read? Explain how Malala’s experiences help show that lesson.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 10

Which choice by Malala or someone in her family do you most admire so far? Explain why you admire it.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 11

Who in Malala’s life might help her face her next challenge? Make a prediction based on what that person has already said or done.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 12

Find a word or phrase that describes a place in Malala’s world. How do the nearby sentences help you figure out its meaning?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?
