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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

I Survived Hurricane Katrina, 2005 (Graphic Novel)

Author:

Lauren Tarshis

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 6: Barry gets separated from his family. What happens, and how do you think he feels in that moment?

Example answer: I think Barry feels terrified and helpless when he is separated from his family. The storm and floodwater are much stronger than he is, so he cannot just fix the problem right away. I would feel panicked because I would not know if my family was safe. This part shows how quickly a disaster can change everything.

Chapter 15

Chapter 15: What lesson or theme do you think the author wants readers to remember about Hurricane Katrina and the people who lived through it?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

How to Answer (continued)

Chapter 11: How does Cruz affect Barry's journey? Explain how an animal can be important in a survival story.

Example answer: Cruz helps Barry because he makes Barry feel less alone. Even though Cruz is a dog, he gives Barry comfort and a reason to keep trying. In a survival story, an animal can be important because it can warn a character, guide them, or give them hope. I think Cruz helps show that friendship can come in different forms.

Chapter 15: What lesson or theme do you think the author wants readers to remember about Hurricane Katrina and the people who lived through it?

Example answer: I think the author wants readers to remember that disasters are scary, but people can be brave and caring during them. Barry's story shows how important family, hope, and helping others can be. It also reminds me that Hurricane Katrina was a real event that hurt many people. After reading, I feel like we should listen to warnings and care about people who survive disasters.

Chapter 1

Chapter 1: What do you learn about Barry, his family, and the place where they live? How does the chapter show that danger may be coming?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 14

Chapter 14: How do the pictures in the graphic novel help you understand the flood, the characters' feelings, or the action? Give one specific example.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 13

Chapter 13: If you were Barry, what would you hope would happen after reaching a safer place? Use what has happened so far to explain your prediction.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

Chapter 2: How does Barry feel about Hurricane Katrina at first? What details from the chapter help you understand his feelings?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 3

Chapter 3: The word evacuate means to leave a place because it is dangerous. Why is evacuating such an important choice for Barry's family in this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 12

Chapter 12: What examples of help, kindness, or teamwork do you see in this chapter? Why do those actions matter during a disaster?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 11

Chapter 11: How does Cruz affect Barry's journey? Explain how an animal can be important in a survival story.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

Chapter 4: What problems make it hard for Barry's family to get away safely? What do you think might happen next?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

Chapter 5: How does the storm begin to affect Barry's home and neighborhood? Describe two details that show the hurricane is getting worse.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 10

Chapter 10: What obstacles does Barry face as he tries to get to safety? How does he keep going even when things are frightening?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

Chapter 9: Barry meets or notices others who are also in danger. How do these moments show that the hurricane is affecting many people, not just one family?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

Chapter 6: Barry gets separated from his family. What happens, and how do you think he feels in that moment?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

Chapter 7: What does Barry do to try to survive after he is alone? Which action shows courage or quick thinking?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 8

Chapter 8: A levee is a wall or bank that helps hold back water. How does the levee problem change the danger for the people in New Orleans?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?
