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3. Staple twice along the fold.



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# Reading Journal

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My thoughts, chapter by chapter

**Reader:**

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**Book Title:**

I Survived The Attacks of September 11, 2001

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**Author:**

Lauren Tarshis

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**Date Started:**

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**Date Finished:**

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*Keep reading. Keep wondering.*  
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# How to Answer

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*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 3: How would you describe Lucas's relationship with Uncle Benny? Use details from the chapter to support your thinking.

**Example answer:** I would describe Lucas and Uncle Benny as very close. Lucas looks up to Uncle Benny because he is brave, kind, and understands him. Uncle Benny also listens to Lucas in a way that makes Lucas feel important. Their relationship feels more like best friends than just uncle and nephew.

# Chapter 15

**Chapter 15: How has Lucas changed from the beginning of the book to the end? What lesson do you think he has learned?**

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**New word I learned:**

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## How to Answer (continued)

**Chapter 8: How does Lucas show courage in this chapter, even though he is scared?**

**Example answer:** I think Lucas shows courage because he keeps going even when he is frightened. He does not pretend that everything is okay, but he still tries to make safe choices. To me, that is real bravery because he feels fear and acts anyway. This makes him seem stronger than he was at the start of the book.

**Chapter 15: How has Lucas changed from the beginning of the book to the end? What lesson do you think he has learned?**

**Example answer:** At the beginning, Lucas is mostly thinking about football and how upset he is that he might not be able to play. By the end, he understands that family, safety, and being alive are much more important. He has seen how brave people can be when others need help. I think Lucas learns that being strong is not just about sports; it is also about caring for people and making wise choices.

# Chapter 1

Chapter 1: What problem is Lucas dealing with at the beginning of the story, and why is it so hard for him?

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# Chapter 14

Chapter 14: Why do you think it is important for readers to learn about September 11, 2001, through a story like this one?

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# Chapter 13

Chapter 13: One theme of the book is that bravery does not mean you are never afraid. How does this chapter show that idea?

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# Chapter 2

Chapter 2: Why does Lucas make the choice to go to New York City instead of going to school, and what does this choice tell you about him?

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# Chapter 3

**Chapter 3: How would you describe Lucas’s relationship with Uncle Benny? Use details from the chapter to support your thinking.**

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# Chapter 12

**Chapter 12: Describe a moment when strangers help each other. What does that moment show about people during a crisis?**

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# Chapter 11

Chapter 11: How are Lucas’s thoughts about football, safety, or family changing as the story continues?

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# Chapter 4

Chapter 4: The day begins like a normal morning for many people. What details make the setting seem ordinary before everything changes?

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# Chapter 5

Chapter 5: The word “concussion” is important in Lucas’s story. What does it mean, and how does it connect to Lucas’s choices?

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# Chapter 10

Chapter 10: How does the author build suspense and make the reader feel worried about what might happen next?

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# Chapter 9

Chapter 9: What do the firefighters’ actions show about helping others during an emergency?

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# Chapter 6

Chapter 6: How do Lucas and the people around him react when they first realize something terrible has happened at the World Trade Center?

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# Chapter 7

Chapter 7: What dangers do you think Lucas might face now that he is near the Twin Towers? Explain your prediction using clues from the story.

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# Chapter 8

Chapter 8: How does Lucas show courage in this chapter, even though he is scared?

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