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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

I Survived the Eruption of Mount St. Helens, 1980

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.

Mount St. Helens is an important part of the setting. How does the author make the mountain feel beautiful, dangerous, or mysterious in the chapter you just read?

Example answer: In this chapter, the mountain feels both amazing and scary to me. The author describes it as part of Jessie's everyday life, but there are also signs that it could be dangerous. That makes the setting feel tense because the mountain is not just in the background. It seems like it could change everything for the characters.

Chapter 15

What is your opinion of Jessie's choices in this chapter? If you were in her situation, what might you have done the same or differently?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

How to Answer (continued)

Make a prediction: based only on what has happened so far, what do you think Jessie might have to do next? What details support your prediction?

Example answer: I predict Jessie will have to make a quick decision to keep herself or someone else safe. I think this because the story keeps giving clues that Mount St. Helens is not acting normally. Jessie also seems like the kind of character who notices danger, even when she is scared. My prediction might change if the next chapter gives new clues.

What theme, or big idea, do you notice so far, such as courage, family, friendship, grief, or survival? Use an example from the chapter.

Example answer: One theme I notice so far is courage. Jessie has to deal with frightening things, but she keeps trying to understand what is happening instead of giving up. Courage does not mean she is never afraid. It means she keeps going even when the situation feels uncertain.

Chapter 1

So far, what have you learned about Jessie and her life near Mount St. Helens in Washington? Use details from the chapter to explain what her world is like.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 14

What was the most important event in this chapter? Explain why it matters to Jessie or to the story.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 13

What theme, or big idea, do you notice so far, such as courage, family, friendship, grief, or survival? Use an example from the chapter.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

What is one problem Jessie is facing in this chapter? How does she react to it, and what does that tell you about her?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 3

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Chapter 12

How does Lauren Tarshis build suspense in this chapter? Think about pacing, descriptions, unanswered questions, or danger.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 11

What is one moment in this chapter when a character has to be brave? Explain what makes the moment difficult.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

Choose one character besides Jessie from this chapter. What do that character's words or actions show about their personality?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

What clues in this chapter help you understand that something serious may happen? Explain how those clues affect the mood of the story.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 10

Make a prediction: based only on what has happened so far, what do you think Jessie might have to do next? What details support your prediction?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

How do Jessie's relationships with other people affect what she thinks, feels, or decides in this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

What is one word or phrase from this chapter that stands out to you? What do you think it means, and why did the author choose it?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

So far, how is Jessie handling fear, worry, or danger? Give one example from the chapter and explain whether you think she made a good choice.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 8

What did you learn in this chapter about volcanoes, ash, earthquakes, or warnings from nature? How did that information help you understand the story better?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?
