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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

Impossible Creatures

Author:

Katherine Rundell

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.

How is the Archipelago different from the ordinary world Christopher knows? What detail stood out to you most?

Example answer: I think the Archipelago feels different because magic is part of everyday life there instead of being something people only imagine. The creatures and places seem wild, ancient, and dangerous, but also beautiful. The detail that stood out to me most was how the characters have to treat the land and its creatures with respect, because everything feels connected. It made the Archipelago seem like a real world with its own rules.

Chapter 64

Looking back at the whole book, which character, creature, or scene will you remember most, and why?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 63

What question do you still have after this chapter? Why is that question important?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

How to Answer (continued)

What does this chapter teach about courage? Do you think courage means not being afraid, or acting even when you are afraid?

Example answer: This chapter shows that courage does not mean a character feels no fear. I think real courage is doing what is right even when you are scared and unsure. Christopher and Mal both have moments when they could give up, but they keep going because other lives are depending on them. That makes their bravery feel believable to me.

What message do you think the author wants readers to take from this story?

Example answer: I think the author wants readers to understand that rare and wonderful living things are worth protecting. The story shows that people can be careless or selfish, but they can also choose to be brave and kind. To me, the magical creatures stand for the beauty of nature and imagination. The book made me think that protecting a world begins with caring about it.

Chapter 1

What do you learn about Christopher in this opening chapter, and what clues show that his life may not stay ordinary for long?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 62

What message do you think the author wants readers to take from this story?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 61

What moment with a creature in this chapter felt most meaningful to you? Why?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

How does the author make Christopher's grandfather's home feel interesting or mysterious? Use two details from the chapter.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 3

What strange sign or event in this chapter hints that impossible creatures might be real? How would you react if you noticed it?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 60

How has Christopher changed from the beginning of the book to this point?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 59

How is the main problem beginning to be solved in this chapter? What still feels uncertain?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

How does the setting affect the mood of this chapter? Choose one place and explain how it feels to you as a reader.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

What first impression do you get of Mal?
Describe her personality using evidence from what she says or does.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 58

What do you predict will happen in the final part of the story? What clues support your prediction?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 57

How are trust and friendship tested in this chapter? Do the characters pass the test?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

What danger appears in this chapter, and how do the characters respond to it?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

Choose one unusual or important word from this chapter. What do you think it means, and how does it add to the story?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 56

How does the author use pacing, short moments, or cliffhangers to create tension here?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 55

What choice surprised you in this chapter? Did you agree with it? Why or why not?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 8

How does the meeting between Christopher and Mal change the direction of the story?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

Why is trust difficult for the characters in this chapter? What would make you trust or not trust someone in their situation?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 54

Describe an action scene in this chapter. How does the author make it fast-paced or exciting?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 53

What theme about protecting nature or living things appears in this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 10

Based on the events so far, what do you predict Christopher will have to do next? Explain your reasoning.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 11

What goal or mission becomes clearer in this chapter? Why does it matter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 52

What twist or unexpected event changes the situation in this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 51

Which character acts bravest in this chapter?
Explain why you chose that character.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 12

Describe one magical creature or magical detail
from this chapter. What makes it feel believable
even though it is impossible?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 13

What responsibility does a character accept in this chapter? Do you think the character is ready for it? Why or why not?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 50

What are the stakes in this chapter? What could be lost if the characters fail?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 49

How does this chapter signal that the story is moving toward its climax?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 14

How is the Archipelago different from the ordinary world Christopher knows? What detail stood out to you most?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 15

What conflict, problem, or disagreement makes this chapter tense? How might it affect the journey?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 48

What moral question does this chapter raise about protecting one life versus protecting many?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 47

What plan do the characters make, and what are its strengths and weaknesses?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 16

Which character makes an important choice in this chapter? What does that choice reveal about them?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 17

How do stories, myths, maps, or old knowledge help the characters in this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 46

Choose a strong verb or adjective from this chapter. Why is it a good word for the scene?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 45

How do anger or grief affect a character's judgment in this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 18

What new danger changes the characters' plan?
How do they adapt?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 19

How is the friendship between Christopher and Mal developing? Give one example from the chapter.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 44

Describe a confrontation in this chapter. What does each side want?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 43

What sacrifice or risk does a character take?
Why is it important?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 20

What clue does the chapter give about the larger mystery? What question does it make you ask?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 21

Describe the new place the characters visit in this chapter. How does the author help you picture it?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 42

How does the author make you feel sympathy for a creature or character in this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 41

What do you predict the characters will need to sacrifice in order to protect the Archipelago?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 22

How does a creature in this chapter challenge what the characters believe or expect?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 23

What do you learn about the enemy or opposing force in this chapter? Why is it frightening?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 40

Where do you see hope in this chapter, even if the situation is dangerous?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 39

What important truth or secret is revealed in this chapter? How does it change what the characters understand?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 24

What do you predict will happen if the characters continue on their current path?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 25

How does fear, sadness, or loss affect a character's actions in this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 38

What mistake does a character make, and what are the consequences?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 37

How can the same setting seem both beautiful and dangerous in this chapter? Use details from the text.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 26

Find a vivid description in this chapter. What picture does it create in your mind?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 27

How do the characters work together in this chapter? Who contributes something important?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 36

Which side character matters most in this chapter, and how do they help or hurt the main characters?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 35

What part of this chapter was confusing, surprising, or mysterious? What do you think it might mean?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 28

What difficult decision does a character face? What would you have chosen in the same situation?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 29

How does the author build suspense in this chapter? Mention one detail that made you want to keep reading.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 34

What does this chapter teach about courage? Do you think courage means not being afraid, or acting even when you are afraid?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 33

How does Christopher show curiosity, bravery, or kindness in this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 30

What does this chapter suggest about the relationship between humans and magical creatures?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 31

What important object, message, or piece of information appears in this chapter? How might it matter later?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 32

How does Mal change or reveal more about herself in this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?
