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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

In the Time of the Butterflies

Author:

Julia Alvarez

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.

What have you learned so far about life in the Dominican Republic under Trujillo? Explain how this setting affects the Mirabal family.

Example answer: I have learned that Trujillo has a lot of power over people's lives. People have to be careful about criticizing him because it can put them in danger. This helps me understand why the Mirabal family worries about speaking openly. Their choices are harder because even saying what they believe can be risky.

Chapter 12

What question would you most like the next part of the story to answer about the Mirabal sisters? Explain why that question matters to your understanding of the story.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 11

Choose one word that describes the mood of your latest chapter, such as hopeful, tense, or sad. Which details helped create that mood?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

How to Answer (continued)

How have family ties shaped a character's actions in what you have read so far? Describe an example involving the Mirabal family.

Example answer: I notice that Dedé's memories are closely tied to her sisters. When she shares their story with the interviewer, she helps someone outside the family understand them. I think remembering them is an important responsibility for her. This shows me that family ties can shape what a person chooses to share with others.

Thinking about the title, *In the Time of the Butterflies*, what might a butterfly stand for in the story so far? Connect your idea to a character or detail you have read about.

Example answer: I think a butterfly might stand for freedom. A butterfly can fly where it wants, but the Mirabal sisters live under a ruler who limits people's choices. That difference makes the title interesting to me. It makes me wonder how the sisters will try to gain more freedom.

Chapter 1

What have you learned so far about life in the Dominican Republic under Trujillo? Explain how this setting affects the Mirabal family.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 10

Thinking about the title, In the Time of the Butterflies, what might a butterfly stand for in the story so far? Connect your idea to a character or detail you have read about.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

What have you learned so far about Trujillo's power? Explain how it affects what people feel safe saying or doing.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

Based on what you have read, what challenge might one of the Mirabal sisters face next? Use a clue from the story to explain your prediction.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 3

Choose a Mirabal sister you have learned about so far. What do her words or actions show about her personality?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 8

How have family ties shaped a character's actions in what you have read so far? Describe an example involving the Mirabal family.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

Who tells the part of the story you just read?
How does hearing that person's thoughts help you understand the Mirabal family?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

Find a word or phrase in your latest chapter that was new or interesting to you. What do you think it means, and how do the nearby sentences help you understand it?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

Where have you noticed courage in the story so far? Explain whether you think being brave means having no fear or acting even when you are afraid.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

Which choice made by a character in your latest chapter do you agree or disagree with? Explain your view and what you might have done.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?
