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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

Island of the Blue Dolphins

Author:

Scott O'Dell

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.

Why do you think Karana jumps from the ship to go back for Ramo? What does her choice show about her character?

Example answer: I think Karana jumps from the ship because she loves Ramo and cannot leave him alone on the island. She knows it is dangerous, but her family is more important to her than her own safety. This shows that Karana is brave, loyal, and caring. I also think it shows she acts quickly when someone she loves needs help.

How to Answer (continued)

Tutok and Karana become friends even though they come from different groups. What helps their friendship grow?

Example answer: I think their friendship grows because they are curious about each other and choose to be kind. They share words, gifts, and time together instead of only thinking about the fighting between their people. In my opinion, Karana starts to trust Tutok because Tutok does not try to hurt her or tell the others where she is. Their friendship shows that people can connect even when they come from different sides.

How do the earthquake and the huge wave change Karana's island life? What do they remind her about nature?

Example answer: The earthquake and huge wave make Karana's life harder because they damage parts of the island and take away things she depends on. I think she feels scared because she cannot control what nature does. This reminds her that the island can be beautiful, but it can also be very powerful and dangerous. Karana has to be strong and start solving problems again.

Chapter 1

In Chapter 1, what do you learn about Karana's home, Ghalas-at, and why might the island be both beautiful and dangerous?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 29

Looking back at the whole story, what theme or lesson do you think the author wants readers to remember? Explain with examples.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

How does Chief Chowig deal with Captain Orlov and the Aleut hunters? What does this show about him as a leader?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 3

The people of the village and the Aleuts do not fully trust each other. What details in this chapter help you understand the growing tension?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 28

As Karana gets ready to leave the island, what mixed feelings might she have? Use evidence from her life there.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 27

Karana prepares for the chance that people may come again. What do her preparations show about her hope and patience?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

After the fight on the beach, how is life in the village changed? Use details to explain the loss the people feel.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

Kimki leaves the island to search for a new home for his people. Why is this a brave decision, and what risks does it bring?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 26

When a ship comes near the island but leaves without Karana, how do you think she feels? What helps her keep going?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 25

How do the earthquake and the huge wave change Karana's island life? What do they remind her about nature?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

Why do you think Karana jumps from the ship to go back for Ramo? What does her choice show about her character?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

How does Ramo's death change Karana's situation on the island? What new feelings or problems does she face?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 24

Why is the name Rontu-Aru meaningful for the new dog? How does he help Karana heal?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 23

How does Rontu's death affect Karana? Why was his friendship so important to her life on the island?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 8

Karana must decide how to survive alone after losing her brother. Which of her first choices seems most important, and why?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

Karana tries to leave the island in a canoe but turns back. What does this experience teach her about fear, hope, and home?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 22

Karana faces danger while hunting the giant devilfish. How does she show both courage and caution?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 21

What does Karana learn from exploring the island and the sea caves? How does exploring help her feel more in control?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 10

How does Karana choose and build her new shelter? What do her choices show about her cleverness?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 11

In the village, women were not supposed to make weapons. Why does Karana break this rule, and what does that tell you about survival?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 20

Karana begins to think differently about the animals around her. How do her choices show a change in her respect for living things?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 19

Tutok and Karana become friends even though they come from different groups. What helps their friendship grow?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 12

What does Karana's encounter with the sea elephants show about the dangers of getting materials from nature?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 13

When Karana finds the wounded wild dog, why is her decision difficult? What would you have done in her place?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 18

When the Aleuts return, how does Karana protect herself? What does her plan show about what she has learned?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 17

Karana makes clothing and other useful items with care. Why might making something beautiful matter when she is living alone?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 14

How does the relationship between Karana and Rontu begin to change from enemies to companions?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 15

Rontu faces the wild dogs that used to be his pack. What does this moment show about loyalty and belonging?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 16

Karana uses many resources from the island to meet her needs. Choose two things she makes or gathers in this chapter and explain how they help her.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?
