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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

J vs. K

Author:

Kwame Alexander

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 is one choice a character made in this chapter? Do you think it was a good choice? Explain your thinking.

Example answer: One character made a choice that affected other people in the chapter. I think it was a good choice because the character was trying to solve a problem instead of ignoring it. Even if the choice was not perfect, it showed courage. This helped me understand the character better.

Chapter 24

Write a short summary of this chapter that includes the beginning, middle, and end without adding every detail.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 23

What do you think was the author’s purpose for including this chapter in the story?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

How to Answer (continued)

Which part of this chapter was the most surprising to you? Explain why it surprised you.

Example answer: The most surprising part was when the chapter went in a different direction than I expected. I thought the character would act one way, but they did something else. That surprised me because it changed the mood of the scene. It also made me want to keep reading to find out what happens next.

Which scene from this chapter would you most want to draw or act out? Describe it and tell why you chose it.

Example answer: I would want to draw the scene where the characters are facing an important moment together. I would show their facial expressions so the viewer could tell how they feel. I chose this scene because it seemed exciting and meaningful. It would be fun to show the action and the emotions at the same time.

Chapter 1

What is the most important thing that happened in this chapter, and why do you think it matters?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 22

What is something you agree or disagree with in this chapter? Explain your opinion respectfully.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 21

How did the author keep you interested in this chapter? Think about humor, suspense, action, or interesting details.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

How did the setting affect what happened in this chapter? Use one detail from the chapter in your answer.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 3

What problem or challenge showed up in this chapter, and how did the characters respond to it?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 20

What did this chapter make you think about in your own life, another book, or the world around you?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 19

Which scene from this chapter would you most want to draw or act out? Describe it and tell why you chose it.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

Which character did you learn the most about in this chapter? What did you learn from their words, actions, or thoughts?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

What is one choice a character made in this chapter? Do you think it was a good choice? Explain your thinking.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 18

What conflict did you notice in this chapter: character vs. character, character vs. self, character vs. nature, or character vs. society? Explain your choice.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 17

How did dialogue, or what characters said to each other, help you understand the chapter better?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

Find a word or phrase from this chapter that stood out to you. What do you think it means, and how did it help the story?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

What feeling or mood did this chapter create for you as a reader? What details made you feel that way?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 16

If you could give advice to one character at the end of this chapter, what would you say and why?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 15

What is one detail in this chapter that seems small but might become important later? Why do you think so?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 8

How did this chapter connect to something that happened earlier in the book?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

What question do you have after reading this chapter? Why are you wondering about it?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 14

How did the main character change, even a little, during this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 13

Which part of this chapter was the most surprising to you? Explain why it surprised you.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 10

What do you predict might happen next, and what clues from this chapter support your prediction?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 11

Describe a moment when a character showed a strong emotion in this chapter. How could you tell what they were feeling?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 12

What lesson or message might the author be starting to show in this chapter? Use evidence from the chapter.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?
