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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

Jip, His Story

Author:

Katherine Paterson

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.

Chapter 4: What relationship seems most important to Jip right now, and why does it matter to him?

Example answer: I think Jip’s relationship with Put is very important to him. Put is someone Jip cares about, even though other people might not understand him. Jip seems to notice when Put needs kindness or patience. This matters because it shows that Jip wants to belong to someone and also wants to protect people who are treated unfairly.

Chapter 20

Chapter 20: Looking back over the whole story, how has Jip changed, and what do you think Katherine Paterson wanted readers to remember?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 19

Chapter 19: What theme or lesson is becoming clear near the end of the book? Use an example from what you have read so far.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

How to Answer (continued)

Chapter 12: What secret, mystery, or unanswered question seems important in the story right now, and what do you predict might happen next?

Example answer: The biggest mystery for me is about Jip's past and where he really came from. He does not know everything about himself, and that makes the story feel tense. I predict that someone may know more about Jip than they are saying. I think learning the truth could change how Jip sees himself.

Chapter 20: Looking back over the whole story, how has Jip changed, and what do you think Katherine Paterson wanted readers to remember?

Example answer: Jip changes because he learns more about who he is and what kind of person he wants to be. Even when life is unfair, he keeps showing kindness and courage. I think Katherine Paterson wanted readers to remember that every person deserves freedom, respect, and a place to belong. Jip's story made me think about how brave someone can be even when they feel alone.

Chapter 1

Chapter 1: So far, what do you know about Jip’s life at the Vermont poor farm, and what details help you understand what his daily life is like?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 18

Chapter 18: If you could give Jip advice at this point in the story, what would you tell him, and why?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 17

Chapter 17: What does Jip seem to understand now that he may not have understood earlier in the book?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

Chapter 2: What is one choice Jip makes in this chapter, and what does that choice show about the kind of person he is?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 3

Chapter 3: How does the setting of the poor farm affect Jip and the other people who live there?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 16

Chapter 16: How are kindness and cruelty both shown in this chapter? What effect do they have on Jip or others?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 15

Chapter 15: Pick a scene from this chapter that helped you picture the place, the people, or the mood. What details made it vivid?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

Chapter 4: What relationship seems most important to Jip right now, and why does it matter to him?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

Chapter 5: Choose one word or phrase from this chapter that feels important or old-fashioned. What do you think it means, and how does it help tell the story?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 14

Chapter 14: What does this chapter suggest about the meaning of freedom? Think about Jip’s life, choices, and hopes.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 13

Chapter 13: How does Jip respond when he is afraid or unsure? What does his response teach you about courage?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

Chapter 6: How does Jip treat someone who is weaker, lonelier, or more troubled than he is? What does this show about his heart?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

Chapter 7: What questions does Jip have about himself or his past so far, and how do those questions affect him?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 12

Chapter 12: What secret, mystery, or unanswered question seems important in the story right now, and what do you predict might happen next?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 11

Chapter 11: Which adult in the story seems helpful, harmful, or hard to understand in this chapter? Use details from the chapter to explain your thinking.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 8

Chapter 8: What is one moment in this chapter that made you feel worried, hopeful, or curious? Explain why it affected you.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

Chapter 9: How does Katherine Paterson show that life in Jip’s time could be unfair for poor people, children, or people without power?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 10

Chapter 10: What do you notice about Jip’s friendship with Put so far? How do they help or understand each other?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?
