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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

Karen's New Year.

Author:

Ann M. Martin

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.

Based on the title and what you have read, what do you predict Karen will learn about making promises? Explain the clues behind your prediction.

Example answer: I predict Karen will learn that making a promise is easier than keeping it. The New Year in the title makes me think about resolutions and fresh starts. A promise can sound simple until you have to remember it every day. I will watch for choices that show whether my prediction is right.

Chapter 20

Looking back over what you have read so far, has your opinion of Karen changed? Explain what shaped your first impression and what you think now.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 19

What have you learned so far about the difference between saying you will do something and actually doing it? Connect your thinking to Karen or another character.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

How to Answer (continued)

Do you think a New Year's promise should be easy to keep or challenging? Connect your opinion to something you have read in Karen's story.

Example answer: I think a New Year's promise should be a little challenging, but not impossible. The story's focus on promises makes me think about choosing a goal carefully. If I picked something too easy, I would not learn much. If I picked something too hard, I might give up instead of making progress.

The title includes the words 'New Year.' What ideas do those words suggest, and how do they shape your expectations for Karen's story?

Example answer: The words 'New Year' make me think of a fresh start. I connect them with celebrating and deciding what I want to do better. That makes me expect Karen's story to explore promises or changes. I also wonder whether starting a new year will change how she thinks about herself.

Chapter 1

What seems most important to Karen Brewer so far? Describe a detail from your reading that helped you decide.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 18

Which moment in your latest reading would you most want to discuss with a friend? Explain what makes it worth talking about.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 17

The title includes the words 'New Year.' What ideas do those words suggest, and how do they shape your expectations for Karen's story?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

How does Karen's family affect her choices in what you have read? Choose one interaction and explain its effect.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 3

Which detail so far helps you picture Karen's world in Stoneybrook? Explain what that detail adds to the story.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 16

What might another character say about Karen's behavior so far? Explain your answer with a detail from the story.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 15

Choose a sentence from the chapter you just read that stands out to you. What makes its wording funny, clear, surprising, or meaningful?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

Based on the title and what you have read, what do you predict Karen will learn about making promises? Explain the clues behind your prediction.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

What feeling does Karen show in your latest reading? Explain how her words or actions reveal that feeling.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 14

What does your latest reading suggest about being fair to other people? Explain a moment that supports your idea, even if it shows unfair behavior.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 13

If you could give Karen advice at this point in the story, what would you say? Explain why that advice fits her situation.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

Which word or phrase in the chapter you just read deserves a closer look? Explain what you think it means and which nearby words helped you.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

How do the holidays connect to what matters to Karen so far? Use a detail from your reading to explain the connection.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 12

Which relationship helps you understand Karen better so far? Describe what it shows about her.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 11

Do you think a New Year's promise should be easy to keep or challenging? Connect your opinion to something you have read in Karen's story.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 8

What question would you ask Karen about something she has said or done? Explain why you want to know her answer.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

Describe a choice someone makes in the chapter you just read. What happens because of that choice?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 10

Where do you notice a difference between Karen's point of view and someone else's? Explain both viewpoints using what you have read so far.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?
