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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

Kristy's Big Day

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.

How does Kristy seem to feel about the changes in her family so far? Use something she says, thinks, or does to explain your answer.

Example answer: I think Kristy has mixed feelings about her mother marrying Watson. The marriage means that her family life will change, so she has more to think about than just a wedding. I can understand why she might want her mother to be happy but still feel unsure. Her worries remind me that a happy event can also bring difficult feelings.

Chapter 15

Looking back over your reading so far, how are the wedding plans and the Baby-sitters Club connected? Explain what that connection helps you understand about the story.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

How to Answer (continued)

Which character would you like to learn more about as you continue reading: Kristy, Mary Anne, Claudia, Stacey, Dawn, or Watson? Explain what you wonder about that character.

Example answer: I would like to learn more about Watson. He is going to marry Kristy's mother, so he will become an important part of Kristy's life. I wonder how he will help Kristy feel comfortable with the changes. Learning more about him could help me understand the situation from his side, too.

What lesson about handling change might a reader learn from Kristy's experiences so far? Connect your idea to a detail from the story.

Example answer: I think one lesson is that people need time to get used to big changes. Kristy's mother is planning to marry Watson, and that affects Kristy as well as the adults. I would not expect Kristy to understand all her feelings right away. Her situation helps me see why listening and being patient matter in a family.

Chapter 1

What have you learned so far about Kristy Thomas's family and her mother's plans to marry Watson Brewer? Explain which detail seems most important to Kristy.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 14

If you could give one character advice at this point in the story, whom would you choose? Explain your advice and connect it to what you have read.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 13

Who has influenced Kristy most in your reading so far? Explain how that person has affected her feelings, ideas, or actions.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

How does Kristy seem to feel about the changes in her family so far? Use something she says, thinks, or does to explain your answer.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 3

Based on what you have read, what do you predict will be challenging about getting ready for the wedding? Explain the clues behind your prediction.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 12

Find a word or phrase in your latest chapter that helps show a character's mood. What feeling does it suggest, and why is it a useful choice of words?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 11

What lesson about handling change might a reader learn from Kristy's experiences so far? Connect your idea to a detail from the story.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

What have you noticed so far about how Kristy and her friends work together in the Baby-sitters Club? Describe a detail that shows what makes their teamwork helpful or difficult.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

Choose an unfamiliar or interesting word from your latest chapter. What do you think it means, and how do the words around it help you understand it?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 10

How does Stoneybrook help you picture Kristy's daily life so far? Describe a place or setting detail from your reading and explain why it matters.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

Which character would you like to learn more about as you continue reading: Kristy, Mary Anne, Claudia, Stacey, Dawn, or Watson? Explain what you wonder about that character.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

Which of Kristy's choices so far do you agree or disagree with most? Explain what you would do in her place and why.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

How has Watson been described so far, and what does that description help you understand about Kristy's changing family?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 8

What does the story suggest so far about the responsibilities of a babysitter? Use a detail about Kristy or the Baby-sitters Club to support your thinking.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?
