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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

Little Women

Author:

Louisa May Alcott

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.

In Chapter 8, Amy burns Jo's writing, and later Jo has to forgive her. What makes forgiveness difficult in this chapter, and what helps Jo forgive?

Example answer: I think forgiveness is difficult for Jo because her writing is very important to her. Amy did something cruel, and Jo feels like she lost a part of herself. Jo begins to forgive Amy after the skating accident because she realizes she still loves her sister more than the book. This chapter shows me that forgiveness can take time, but love can help.

Chapter 47

In Chapter 47, the family gathers at Plumfield and looks back on their lives. What does the ending suggest about growing up and finding happiness?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

How to Answer (continued)

In Chapter 31, Amy writes letters from Europe. What do her letters show about what she notices, values, and hopes for?

Example answer: Amy's letters show that she notices beautiful things like art, clothes, and places. She also cares about manners and about becoming a refined young lady. I think she hopes to improve herself and make something special of her life. Her letters make her seem more grown up than she was at the beginning of the book.

In Chapter 46, Professor Bhaer and Jo talk under the umbrella. How does this scene show that Jo has found someone who understands and respects her?

Example answer: This scene shows that Professor Bhaer understands Jo because he listens to her and cares about her dreams. He does not want to change her into someone different. Instead, he respects her strong mind and her wish to write and work. I think Jo feels safe with him because he loves her for who she really is.

Chapter 1

In Chapter 1, the March sisters talk about their troubles and hear Father's letter. What do you learn about each sister from the way she reacts to having no Christmas presents?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 46

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New word I learned:

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Chapter 45

In Chapter 45, Daisy and Demi show the busy life of Meg's family. What do the twins' actions teach about patience, parenting, or growing up?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

In Chapter 2, the girls give their Christmas breakfast to the Hummel family. Why do you think this choice makes their own Christmas feel happier instead of worse?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 3

In Chapter 3, Jo meets Laurie at the party. How does their first meeting show what Jo is like as a friend?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 44

In Chapter 44, Amy and Laurie think about how to use their money and position. What does this chapter suggest about using good fortune responsibly?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 43

In Chapter 43, Amy and Laurie return with a surprising announcement. How do the March family members show acceptance and happiness?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

In Chapter 4, each sister has a burden, or hard job, to carry. Which sister's burden seems hardest to you, and why?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

In Chapter 5, Jo visits Laurie and helps him feel less lonely. What details show that Laurie needs friendship as much as Jo does?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 42

In Chapter 42, Jo feels all alone after Beth is gone. What helps Jo begin to heal from grief?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 41

In Chapter 41, Laurie tries to forget his heartache and spends more time with Amy. What signs show that both Laurie and Amy are growing wiser?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

In Chapter 6, Beth discovers the beautiful piano at Mr. Laurence's house. How does music help Beth show feelings she has trouble saying out loud?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

In Chapter 7, Amy gets in trouble at school because of the limes. What lesson does Amy learn about wanting to fit in with others?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 40

In Chapter 40, the family goes through the valley of the shadow with Beth. How does the chapter show love during a very sad time?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 39

In Chapter 39, Amy calls Laurie lazy and asks him to use his talents. Do you agree with Amy's words to Laurie? Why or why not?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 8

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New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

In Chapter 9, Meg visits the Moffats and tries acting like a fancy young lady. What does Meg learn about vanity and being true to herself?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 38

In Chapter 38, Meg feels left out while caring for the twins. What does this chapter show about the challenges and joys of family life?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 37

In Chapter 37, Amy and Laurie meet again in Europe. How does Amy influence Laurie to think about becoming a better person?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 10

In Chapter 10, the Pickwick Club lets Laurie join and makes a newspaper. How does the club show the sisters' imagination and teamwork?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 11

In Chapter 11, the girls try doing whatever they want during vacation. What do they discover about the balance between work and play?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 36

In Chapter 36, Beth shares her secret with Jo. How does Beth show bravery when she talks about her illness?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 35

In Chapter 35, Laurie tells Jo he loves her, but Jo says no. Why do you think Jo makes this choice, even though she cares about Laurie?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 12

In Chapter 12, the picnic at Camp Laurence brings different young people together. How do the games and conversations reveal the characters' manners and values?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 13

In Chapter 13, the friends describe their castles in the air, or dreams for the future. Which dream tells you the most about a character, and what does it show?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 34

In Chapter 34, Professor Bhaer becomes Jo's friend and challenges her writing choices. Why can honest criticism be a helpful kind of friendship?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 33

In Chapter 33, Jo writes a journal while she is away in New York. How does being away from home help Jo see herself in a new way?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 14

In Chapter 14, Jo keeps the secret that she has published a story. Why is this success important to Jo, and how does she feel about sharing it?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 15

In Chapter 15, the family receives a telegram saying Father is ill. How do the March girls and Marmee show courage during this frightening time?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 32

In Chapter 32, Jo begins to understand that Laurie may love her and that Beth is not well. Why are these troubles hard for Jo to face?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 31

In Chapter 31, Amy writes letters from Europe. What do her letters show about what she notices, values, and hopes for?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 16

In Chapter 16, letters help the family stay close while Marmee is away. What can letters do for people who are worried or separated?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 17

In Chapter 17, Beth faithfully cares for the Hummels and becomes very sick. What does Beth's choice show about kindness and responsibility?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 30

In Chapter 30, Amy is chosen to travel to Europe instead of Jo. How do Jo and Amy react, and what do their reactions reveal?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 29

In Chapter 29, Amy and Jo make social calls in very different ways. How do their manners affect what others think of them?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 18

In Chapter 18, the family faces dark days while Beth is ill. How do different characters show fear, hope, or love in this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 19

In Chapter 19, Amy makes a will while staying with Aunt March. What does this tell you about how Amy is changing?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 28

In Chapter 28, Meg struggles with housekeeping and married life. What does she learn about asking for help and being honest with John?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 27

In Chapter 27, Jo learns lessons about writing and fame. What is Jo beginning to understand about the kind of writer she wants to be?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 20

In Chapter 20, Marmee talks honestly with Jo about anger. What advice does Marmee give, and how could it help Jo in the future?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 21

In Chapter 21, Laurie's mischief causes trouble between Meg and Mr. Brooke. How do Laurie and Jo each help repair the hurt they caused?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 26

In Chapter 26, Amy has several artistic attempts that do not turn out perfectly. How does Amy respond to mistakes, and what does that show about her growth?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 25

In Chapter 25, Meg and John have their first wedding. What makes their wedding simple, and why does that simplicity matter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 22

In Chapter 22, Father comes home and Beth begins to recover. Why does this chapter feel like a reward after the family's hard times?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 23

In Chapter 23, Aunt March disagrees with Meg's engagement to Mr. Brooke. What does Meg's choice show about her idea of happiness?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 24

In Chapter 24, the story jumps ahead and shows changes in the March family. Which character seems to have changed the most, and what evidence supports your idea?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?
