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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

Look Both Ways

Author:

Jason Reynolds

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.

Choose a character you have met so far, such as Jasmine or TJ. What do the character's words and actions show about their personality?

Example answer: I think TJ is playful because he brings up strange ideas when he talks with Jasmine. Their conversation makes me think he enjoys making their time together interesting. I also notice that they can talk about serious things, not just silly ones. This shows me that TJ is more than a kid who likes to joke.

How to Answer (continued)

How has friendship made a difference for someone in the book so far? Describe a moment that shows what being a friend can mean.

Example answer: I think Jasmine and TJ's conversation shows that friendship gives people someone to talk to. They can share silly thoughts, but they can also talk about worries involving their families. To me, that mix makes their friendship feel real. A good friend does not need to solve every problem to help someone feel less alone.

How does Jason Reynolds make an ordinary walk home feel interesting? Choose an example of humor, conversation, or description and explain what it adds.

Example answer: I noticed that TJ and Jasmine's strange conversation makes their walk home funny. TJ's idea about boogers is not something I expected to read about. It made me want to keep reading to see how Jasmine would respond. I think their conversation shows how a normal walk can become interesting when friends share their thoughts.

Chapter 1

What important moment have you read about on a student's walk home from Latimer Middle School? Explain what happens and why it matters to that student.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 10

What question would you ask a character you have met so far? Explain what made you curious and how the answer might help you understand that character better.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

How does Jason Reynolds make an ordinary walk home feel interesting? Choose an example of humor, conversation, or description and explain what it adds.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

Based on what you have read so far, what do you predict one student might do the next time a problem comes up? Use a detail from the book to support your guess.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 3

Choose a character you have met so far, such as Jasmine or TJ. What do the character's words and actions show about their personality?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 8

Describe a moment so far when a character's feelings seem different from what they show other people. What details helped you notice the difference?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

What have you noticed about the neighborhood around Latimer Middle School? Explain how one place affects a student's walk home.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

How has friendship made a difference for someone in the book so far? Describe a moment that shows what being a friend can mean.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

Find a word or phrase in your reading that helps you picture a person, place, or action. What do you think it means, and which clues help you understand it?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

Which choice made by a character so far do you agree or disagree with? Explain your opinion and what you might have done in that situation.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?
