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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

Magic Tree House #4

Author:

Mary Pope Osborne

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 the setting of the sunny beach and ocean help you imagine the story? Describe details that make the place feel exciting or dangerous.

Example answer: I can picture the bright beach, the blue water, and the hot sun, which makes the adventure seem fun at first. But the ocean also feels dangerous because pirates can appear and the weather can change quickly. The setting makes me feel like Jack and Annie are far from home and have to be brave. It helps the story feel like a real pirate adventure.

How to Answer (continued)

How does Captain Bones treat Jack and Annie? What words would you use to describe him, and why?

Example answer: I would describe Captain Bones as greedy, bossy, and scary. He does not care that Jack and Annie are just kids, because he mainly wants treasure. He orders people around and makes the children feel trapped. His actions show that he thinks treasure is more important than kindness.

What lesson about courage or teamwork can readers learn from Jack and Annie's choices near the end of the adventure?

Example answer: I think readers can learn that courage does not mean you are never afraid. Jack and Annie are scared, but they still keep trying to solve the problem. They also work together by sharing ideas and helping each other. Their teamwork helps them get through a dangerous situation.

Chapter 1

What problem do Jack and Annie discover when they get to the tree house, and how does it make the adventure feel urgent?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 10

How do Jack and Annie feel when they return home, and what mystery is still left for them to solve?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

What lesson about courage or teamwork can readers learn from Jack and Annie’s choices near the end of the adventure?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

How does the setting of the sunny beach and ocean help you imagine the story? Describe details that make the place feel exciting or dangerous.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 3

When the pirates arrive, what do Jack and Annie do to stay safe? What does this show about how they handle scary situations?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 8

Jack often likes to write things down and learn facts. How does his love of research help him and Annie during this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

What prediction did you make when the weather started to change? How did the storm make the adventure more challenging?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

Why do you think the pirates are so interested in treasure? What does their behavior tell you about what they value?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

How does Captain Bones treat Jack and Annie?
What words would you use to describe him, and why?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

What do Jack and Annie learn from the clues they find? How do the clues help move the story forward?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?
