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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

Mayowa and the Sea of Words

Author:

Chibundu Onuzo

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.

Grandpa Edward has an unusual green beard and jumps on books. What is your impression of him, and which detail helped you form it?

Example answer: I think Grandpa Edward seems unusual and interesting. His emerald-green beard makes me think he does not mind standing out. Jumping on books also makes me curious because it is such a strange thing to do. I would want to find out his reason before deciding he is just being silly.

Chapter 32

As you pause your reading, what do you most hope Mayowa will learn or do next? Explain how the story so far led to that hope.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 31

What message about words, feelings, or helping others seems to be developing? Support your idea with something you have read so far.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

How to Answer (continued)

The book's premise gives Mayowa the power to share emotions from books. Why might that power be helpful, and why might it be risky?

Example answer: I think this power could help people understand feelings they have never experienced. Mayowa might use it to help someone care about another person's troubles. But it could be risky if she makes someone feel something without asking. I think she would need to consider other people's choices, not just her own good intentions.

Which feeling would you want to receive from a book, and why? Explain how Mayowa's story helped you think of your answer.

Example answer: I would want to receive courage from a book. Sometimes I know what I want to say, but I feel too nervous to speak. Mayowa's book-jumping power makes me imagine borrowing a brave character's feelings for a little while. I would still want to make my own decisions about what to do.

Chapter 1

What is Mayowa dealing with at this point in the story? Explain what seems most important to her right now.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 30

If you illustrated one moment from this chapter, what would you draw? Describe the details you would include to show why that moment matters.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 29

What similarities or differences have you noticed between Mayowa and Grandpa Edward so far? Explain what those details make you wonder about them.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

Which of Mayowa's personality traits stands out so far? Use something she says, does, or thinks to support your answer.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 3

Based on the clues you have read, what might happen next for Mayowa? Explain why your prediction makes sense.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 28

Where do you notice fairness or unfairness in the story so far? Explain how a character responds, or how you think someone should respond.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 27

Choose a line of dialogue from this chapter. What does it reveal about the speaker or the speaker's relationship with someone else?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

Grandpa Edward has an unusual green beard and jumps on books. What is your impression of him, and which detail helped you form it?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

Which feeling seems strongest in the story right now? Describe a detail that helped you recognize it.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 26

Which feeling would you want to receive from a book, and why? Explain how Mayowa's story helped you think of your answer.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 25

If you could ask Mayowa one question at this point, what would you ask? Explain how her answer might help you understand the story.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

How does the place where this chapter happens affect its mood? Explain whether it feels safe, strange, exciting, or something else.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

Choose an unfamiliar or interesting word from this chapter. What do you think it means, and which nearby words help you figure it out?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 24

What responsibility do you think Mayowa should have if she can affect other people's feelings? Connect your answer to what you know so far.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 23

Mayowa's family is unusual in some ways. What does your reading suggest about judging people who seem different?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 8

What have you learned so far about Mayowa's family? Explain how one family detail helps you understand her better.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

Who seems trustworthy at this point in Mayowa's story? Support your answer with a clue from your reading.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 22

Has this chapter strengthened or changed one of your predictions? Describe the clue that affected your thinking.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 21

Which small detail from this chapter might matter later? Explain why it caught your attention.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 10

What does the title, Mayowa and the Sea of Words, make you picture now? Connect your idea to something you have read.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 11

Describe a choice a character makes in this chapter. What other choice could that character have made?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 20

Whose feelings do you understand best so far? Describe what the author has shown that helps you understand that person.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 19

What part of Mayowa's experiences connects with something you have felt or experienced? Explain both the connection and one difference.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 12

How does Mayowa's world make you think differently about ordinary books? Explain using a detail from the story so far.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 13

Which unanswered question about Mayowa or her family are you most curious about? Explain what made you wonder.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 18

Choose someone besides Mayowa who appears in your reading. How might that person describe what is happening differently from her?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 17

The book's premise gives Mayowa the power to share emotions from books. Why might that power be helpful, and why might it be risky?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 14

What feels ordinary in Mayowa's life, and what feels magical or unusual? Explain how those two sides fit together so far.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 15

Where do you notice courage—or a need for courage—in your reading? Explain what makes the situation difficult.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 16

Find a phrase or sentence that creates a strong picture in your mind. What do its words help you imagine?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?
