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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

Mercy Watson

Author:

Kate DiCamillo

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.

Chapter 2: When Mercy gets into bed with the Watsons, what problem happens, and why is it serious?

Example answer: When Mercy gets into bed, the bed starts to fall through the floor because she is too heavy with Mr. and Mrs. Watson in it. This is serious because they could all get hurt if the bed crashes down. The Watsons are stuck and need help quickly. Even though the scene is funny, it is also a real problem for the characters.

How to Answer (continued)

Chapter 4: How does Eugenia Lincoln feel about Mercy, and what does her reaction show about her character?

Example answer: Eugenia Lincoln does not seem to like Mercy very much. She thinks Mercy is a bother and is not happy when Mercy comes near her house. Her reaction shows that she can be strict and easily annoyed. It also makes her different from Baby Lincoln, who seems kinder and more patient.

Chapter 6: Do you think Mercy is really a hero at the end of the story? Explain your opinion using details from the book.

Example answer: I think Mercy is a hero, but mostly by accident. She does not leave the house because she understands the danger; she is looking for toast. Still, her actions help bring people who can rescue Mr. and Mrs. Watson. To me, that makes her a funny kind of hero.

Chapter 1

Chapter 1: What do Mr. and Mrs. Watson think makes Mercy special, and how do they show their love for her?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

Chapter 6: Do you think Mercy is really a hero at the end of the story? Explain your opinion using details from the book.

New word I learned:

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Chapter 5

Chapter 5: The word "porcine" means related to pigs. Why do you think the author uses funny or unusual words like this in the story?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

Chapter 2: When Mercy gets into bed with the Watsons, what problem happens, and why is it serious?

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Chapter 3

Chapter 3: What do you predict Mercy will do after she leaves the house, and what clues from the story help you make that prediction?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

Chapter 4: How does Eugenia Lincoln feel about Mercy, and what does her reaction show about her character?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?
