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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

Midnight at the Mansion

Author:

Steven K Smith

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 3: Choose one word or phrase from this chapter that helps create a mysterious mood. What does it mean, and why is it a good choice for this scene?

Example answer: One phrase that helps create a mysterious mood is when the story describes things as dark, quiet, or hard to see. This makes me picture a place where something surprising could happen at any moment. I think it is a good choice because the characters are trying to figure out a mystery, and the setting makes their search feel more tense. It also makes me want to keep reading to find out what is hidden.

Chapter 11

Chapter 11: How is the mystery solved, and what do the main characters learn from the experience?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

How to Answer (continued)

Chapter 6: What do you predict will happen next based on the clues the characters have found so far? Explain what makes you think that.

Example answer: I predict the characters will find another clue inside the mansion that helps them understand what really happened. I think this because the clues so far seem connected, but they do not give the whole answer yet. The characters are paying close attention, so I believe they will notice something that other people missed. My prediction is that the next clue will point them toward a new suspect or secret place.

Chapter 11: How is the mystery solved, and what do the main characters learn from the experience?

Example answer: The mystery is solved when the characters put the clues together and realize what they mean. I liked that they did not give up, even when the mansion seemed confusing and scary. I think they learn that courage and teamwork are important when solving a problem. They also learn that paying attention to small details can make a big difference.

Chapter 1

Chapter 1: What important problem or mystery is introduced at the beginning of the story, and how do the characters react to it?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 10

Chapter 10: How does the author build suspense as the mystery gets closer to being solved? Use at least one detail from the chapter.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

Chapter 9: If you were in the characters' place during this chapter, what would you have done differently? Explain your choice.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

Chapter 2: Which character seems most curious or determined so far? Use details from the chapter to explain your thinking.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 3

Chapter 3: Choose one word or phrase from this chapter that helps create a mysterious mood. What does it mean, and why is it a good choice for this scene?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 8

Chapter 8: What theme, or lesson, is starting to appear in the story? Explain how the characters' choices show that lesson.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

Chapter 7: How do the characters work together in this chapter? Give an example of teamwork, trust, or disagreement.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

Chapter 4: What new clue or piece of information do the characters discover, and how might it change what they do next?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

Chapter 5: How does the mansion setting affect the story? Describe how the place makes the mystery more exciting or confusing.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

Chapter 6: What do you predict will happen next based on the clues the characters have found so far? Explain what makes you think that.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?
