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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

Mocha (the puppy place)

Author:

Ellen Miles

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.

If you could ask a character one question about a choice they made in this chapter, what would you ask, and why?

Example answer: I would ask, "What were you hoping would happen when you made that choice?" I want to understand the character's reason, not just judge the result. Knowing what the character hoped for would help me decide whether I agree with the choice. It might also help me understand what the character cares about most.

How to Answer (continued)

When you meet an unfamiliar word in this chapter, what steps could you use to figure out its meaning before checking a dictionary?

Example answer: I would reread the sentence and look for clues in the sentences around it. Then I would check whether I recognize any smaller parts of the word. I would try a meaning that makes sense and reread the sentence with that meaning in mind. If it still did not fit, I would check a dictionary.

Would you rather learn more about a character's thoughts or get a closer look at a place in this chapter? Explain how your choice would help you understand the story.

Example answer: I would rather learn more about a character's thoughts. Actions show me what someone does, but thoughts can help explain why. I would especially want to know what the character is worried about or hoping for. That information could help me understand the character's choices instead of guessing about them.

Chapter 1

What is the most important thing that happens in this chapter, and how does it affect the story?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 10

What new question do you have after reading this chapter, and which details made you wonder about it?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

How does a character's feeling change during this chapter? What causes the change, and how can you tell?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

Based on a clue in this chapter, what do you predict will happen next? Explain how the clue supports your idea.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 3

If you could ask a character one question about a choice they made in this chapter, what would you ask, and why?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 8

Would you rather learn more about a character's thoughts or get a closer look at a place in this chapter? Explain how your choice would help you understand the story.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

Which detail in this chapter seems small but might become important later? Explain why it caught your attention.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

When you meet an unfamiliar word in this chapter, what steps could you use to figure out its meaning before checking a dictionary?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

How does the setting affect what happens in this chapter? Explain how the events might be different in another place or time.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

What does this chapter suggest about how people should treat others? Use a character's words or actions to explain your thinking.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?
