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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

New Kid

Author:

Jerry Craft

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.

In Chapter 5, Jordan travels between his neighborhood and his new school. How does the trip show that he is moving between two different worlds?

Example answer: I think the trip shows that Jordan has two very different parts of his life. In his neighborhood, things feel familiar, and he knows the people and places around him. At his new school, he has to act more careful and figure out rules that other kids already know. It makes me understand why he feels tired and nervous sometimes.

How to Answer (continued)

In Chapter 10, Alexandra is teased or judged by others because she seems different. What does this chapter suggest about being yourself, even when other people do not understand you?

Example answer: This chapter suggests that being yourself can be hard, but it is still important. Alexandra seems strange to some kids, but she is also brave because she does not completely hide who she is. I think the author wants us to notice that everyone has reasons for acting the way they do. Instead of judging someone quickly, we should try to understand them.

In Chapter 18, how has Jordan changed from the beginning of the book to the end? What lesson do you think the author wants readers to remember?

Example answer: At the beginning, Jordan is nervous and feels like he does not belong at his new school. By the end, he is more confident and willing to speak up when something is unfair. He also understands his friends better and does not see everything as simply one world or the other. I think the lesson is to be yourself and to stand up for what is right.

Chapter 1

In Chapter 1, what do Jordan's drawings and thoughts show about what he wants for himself, and how is that different from what his parents want?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 18

In Chapter 18, how has Jordan changed from the beginning of the book to the end? What lesson do you think the author wants readers to remember?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 17

In Chapter 17, a conflict at school forces characters to show who they really are. How do Jordan's actions show courage or growth?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

In Chapter 2, Jordan visits Riverdale Academy Day School for the first time. What details make the school feel exciting, uncomfortable, or different from his old life?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 3

In Chapter 3, Jordan has to learn new routines and meet new people on his first day. Which moment do you think is the hardest for him, and why?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 16

In Chapter 16, Jordan faces a moment when staying quiet would be easier than speaking up. What do you think he should do, and why?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 15

In Chapter 15, choose one word that describes Jordan at this point in the story, such as brave, confused, careful, or hopeful. What evidence from the chapter supports your word?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

In Chapter 4, Jordan begins noticing how people at school make assumptions about him. What is one assumption someone makes, and how does it affect Jordan?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

In Chapter 5, Jordan travels between his neighborhood and his new school. How does the trip show that he is moving between two different worlds?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 14

In Chapter 14, Drew and Liam do not always understand each other's experiences. What do they need to learn about each other in order to become better friends?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 13

In Chapter 13, Jordan sees that money and privilege affect students in different ways. How do those differences change the way characters treat each other?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

In Chapter 6, compare Jordan's first friendships at RAD. What does he seem to have in common with Liam, Drew, or another student, and what still feels awkward?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

In Chapter 7, Jordan often uses humor and drawing to explain his feelings. How do his sketchbook pages help you understand him better than regular words alone?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 12

In Chapter 12, the story shows small conflicts building between friends and classmates. What problem do you predict will become bigger later, and what clues make you think so?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 11

In Chapter 11, Jordan thinks about fitting in at school and fitting in at home. What choices does he make to belong, and do you think those choices help him?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 8

In Chapter 8, some students and adults at RAD treat Drew and Jordan unfairly or mix them up. Why is this hurtful, even if the person says it was an accident?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

In Chapter 9, Jordan learns more about Liam's life outside school. How does visiting or seeing Liam's world change the way Jordan understands him?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 10

In Chapter 10, Alexandra is teased or judged by others because she seems different. What does this chapter suggest about being yourself, even when other people do not understand you?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?
