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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

On my honor

Author:

Marion Dane Bauer

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: Tony wants to go to the river instead of the park. How does Joel react, and why do you think it is hard for him to say no?

Example answer: I think Joel knows right away that going to the river is wrong because he promised his dad they would go to the park. At the same time, he does not want Tony to think he is scared or boring. It is hard for him to say no because Tony is pushy and Joel wants to keep their friendship. This shows how peer pressure can make a person ignore what they know is right.

Chapter 12

Chapter 12: What lesson do you think Joel learns by the end of the book? How could that lesson apply to real life?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 11

Chapter 11: How does Joel’s relationship with his father change as the truth comes out? What emotions do you notice between them?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

How to Answer (continued)

Chapter 7: Why does Joel decide not to tell the truth right away? Do you understand his choice, even if you do not agree with it? Explain.

Example answer: Joel does not tell the truth right away because he is terrified of getting in trouble and of what people will think of him. He also seems shocked, like he cannot fully believe what happened. I understand why he panics, but I do not agree with lying because it makes the situation worse. If I were Joel, I hope I would tell an adult right away, even though it would be very hard.

Chapter 12: What lesson do you think Joel learns by the end of the book? How could that lesson apply to real life?

Example answer: I think Joel learns that telling the truth matters, even when the truth is painful or scary. He also learns that one bad choice can lead to serious consequences. In real life, this lesson could apply when friends dare you to do something unsafe. It is better to speak up early than to stay quiet and feel guilty later.

Chapter 1

Chapter 1: Why does Joel want to go bike riding with Tony even though he knows Tony often gets them into risky situations? What does this show about their friendship?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 10

Chapter 10: Predict what might happen when the adults learn more about Tony’s disappearance. What evidence from the story helps you make your prediction?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

Chapter 9: What does the word “honor” mean in this story? How does Joel’s understanding of honor begin to change?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

Chapter 2: Joel’s father makes Joel promise, “on my honor,” that he and Tony will only go to the park. Why is this promise important to the story?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 3

Chapter 3: Tony wants to go to the river instead of the park. How does Joel react, and why do you think it is hard for him to say no?

New word I learned:

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Chapter 8

Chapter 8: How does Joel's guilt affect the way he talks and acts around other people? Give an example from the chapter.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

Chapter 7: Why does Joel decide not to tell the truth right away? Do you understand his choice, even if you do not agree with it? Explain.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

Chapter 4: What clues show that swimming in the river is dangerous? How do these clues make you feel as a reader?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

Chapter 5: How are Joel and Tony different in the way they handle fear and challenges? Use details from the chapter to explain your thinking.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

Chapter 6: After Tony disappears in the river, what does Joel do first? What do his actions show about how frightened or confused he is?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?
