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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

One for the Murphys

Author:

Lynda Mullaly Hunt

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.

What does Carley's response to Mrs. Murphy's kindness reveal about her? Support your idea with something you have read.

Example answer: I think Carley's response shows that kindness is not easy for her to trust. Mrs. Murphy tries to care for her, but Carley does not simply feel comfortable right away. I think Carley's earlier experiences help explain why she keeps her guard up. This makes me see her as someone who needs time to feel safe, not someone who is just being rude.

How to Answer (continued)

If you could give Carley one piece of advice right now, what would it be? Explain why it could help.

Example answer: I would tell Carley that she does not have to share all her feelings at once. She could start by telling Mrs. Murphy one small thing she needs. I think that would be easier than trying to explain everything about her life. It might also help her discover whether she can trust someone to listen.

How has the story encouraged you to look at Carley's behavior with understanding instead of judging her quickly?

Example answer: At first, I might think Carley should just accept the Murphys' kindness. But learning about her difficult experiences helps me understand why that is hard. I can see that someone may act tough when they feel scared or hurt. The story reminds me to think about what a person has been through before deciding what their behavior means.

Chapter 1

Which moment in your reading so far best shows what Carley Connors is going through? Explain why that moment matters.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 50

What idea from Carley's story will you keep in mind as you continue reading? Explain what you will watch for next.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 49

Choose two words to describe the mood of your latest reading. Explain how the events or language create that mood.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

How does Carley seem to view the Murphys' home so far? Use a detail from your reading to explain her feelings.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 3

What have you learned about Carley's life before she came to the Murphys, and what do you still wonder about?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 48

Which part of Carley's behavior has been hardest for you to understand? Explain what information might help you understand it better.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 47

How could a small action make someone a hero to Carley? Use what you know about her needs and experiences so far.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

Based on what you know now, what might make it easier or harder for Carley to adjust to living with the Murphys?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

What does Carley's response to Mrs. Murphy's kindness reveal about her? Support your idea with something you have read.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 46

What kind of friend would be helpful to Carley right now? Explain which qualities would matter most.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 45

Based on your reading so far, what makes people a family besides living in the same house? Connect your answer to Carley and the Murphys.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

Which choice has helped you understand Carley better so far? Explain what that choice shows about her.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

What part of Carley's foster-care situation would you like someone to explain more clearly?
Describe why you have that question.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 44

What emotional risk might Carley face next, such as asking for help or sharing a feeling? Explain why you predict that risk.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 43

How do details about the Murphys' home help you picture Carley's new surroundings? Explain why one detail matters.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 8

Choose a conversation involving Carley from your reading so far. What do the characters' words help you understand?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

Where do you notice fairness or unfairness in Carley's story so far? Explain your opinion with a detail.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 42

Which character might be misunderstood by others in the story so far? Explain what people could be overlooking.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 41

What feeling might Carley be hiding at this point? Describe a clue in her words or actions that supports your idea.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 10

Find a word in your recent reading that helps describe Carley's feelings. What does it mean, and why does it fit?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 11

What difference between Carley's earlier life and life with the Murphys seems important so far? Explain its effect on her.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 40

Select a sentence from your recent reading that feels especially meaningful. Explain how it connects to Carley, the Murphys, or the idea of family.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 39

What two wants or needs seem to pull Carley in different directions so far? Explain why choosing between them could be difficult.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 12

When does Carley seem to protect her feelings rather than share them? Explain what might make her act that way.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 13

Which relationship in Carley's life do you think could change next? Describe a clue that supports your prediction.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 38

When has your reaction to a situation been different from Carley's reaction? Explain why you might see it differently.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 37

Which detail gives you hope for Carley at this point? Explain why that detail feels hopeful.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 14

Where do you see the idea of belonging in the story so far? Explain what belonging might mean to Carley.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 15

What small detail about Carley or the Murphy family has caught your attention? Explain what it might help readers understand.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 36

What question about family has your reading raised for you? Explain how Carley's situation led you to that question.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 35

How does hearing the story through Carley's point of view shape what you know about the Murphys? What might another character notice instead?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 16

Which member of the Murphy family would you most like to understand better at this point? Describe what you would ask that person.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 17

What evidence suggests that trusting other people is easy or difficult for Carley? Explain your thinking.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 34

How has the story encouraged you to look at Carley's behavior with understanding instead of judging her quickly?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 33

What do you predict Carley might learn from Mrs. Murphy? Connect your prediction to what you have read.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 18

How does the title, One for the Murphys, connect to what you have read so far? Give your current idea without guessing the ending.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 19

If you could give Carley one piece of advice right now, what would it be? Explain why it could help.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 32

Which decision in the story so far is hard to label simply right or wrong? Explain both sides.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 31

What kind of support does Carley seem to need most right now? Explain which person might be able to offer it.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 20

Choose an unfamiliar word from your latest reading. How do the nearby words or events help you figure out its meaning?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 21

What do Carley's thoughts about her mother help you understand about her feelings so far?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 30

Find a word or phrase that makes a moment feel tense, warm, or sad. How does that language affect your understanding of Carley's story?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 29

Which place in the story seems most comfortable or uncomfortable for Carley so far? Use a detail to explain why.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 22

Which character's actions seem to have a reason that is not stated directly? Explain what you think that reason might be.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 23

Where has Carley shown courage so far, even in a small way? Describe what made that moment difficult.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 28

What has surprised you most about Carley or the Murphys up to this point? Explain how it changed your thinking.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 27

Choose an act of kindness from the story so far. Why might it mean more to Carley than someone else realizes?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 24

Which problem in Carley's life feels most urgent at this point? Predict one possible way she might try to handle it.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 25

Pick two characters who might see Carley's situation differently. How could each person's experiences shape that view?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 26

What would someone meeting Carley at school need to understand about her, based on your reading so far?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?
