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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

Pax

Author:

Sara Pennypacker

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 lesson about war or guilt does Vola's story teach Peter?

Example answer: I think Vola's story teaches Peter that war hurts people even after the fighting is over. Vola feels guilty about things she did and things she could not stop. Peter learns that hiding from pain does not make it disappear. He also learns that people can try to heal by helping others and telling the truth.

How to Answer (continued)

Why is Peter's final decision about Pax so difficult but also loving?

Example answer: Peter's decision is difficult because he loves Pax and has missed him so much. He wanted to find Pax and bring him home, so letting him go is not what he planned. But it is loving because Peter sees that Pax belongs with his fox family now. Peter puts Pax's needs before his own feelings.

What are your first impressions of Bristle and Runt? Use details from the chapter to explain your thinking.

Example answer: My first impression is that Bristle is tough and careful, while Runt is more curious and gentle. Bristle does not trust Pax right away, which makes sense because she has had to survive in the wild. Runt seems interested in Pax and not as harsh. Together, they show Pax that the wild can be both dangerous and full of possible friends.

Chapter 1

How does Chapter 1 show the special bond between Peter and Pax, even during a very painful moment?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 34

After finishing the book, how have Peter and Pax both changed from the beginning?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 33

What theme, or big message, do you think the author wants readers to understand near the end of the story?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

Pax is alone for the first time in Chapter 2. What does he understand about Peter, and what does he not understand yet?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 3

In Chapter 3, Peter begins to think about what he must do next. What does his plan tell you about his character?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 32

Why is Peter’s final decision about Pax so difficult but also loving?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 31

When Peter and Pax finally come close to each other again, what emotions do you notice?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

When Pax meets wild foxes, how do their actions show that the wild is very different from the life Pax has known?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

Peter faces danger and pain as he starts his journey. How does he show determination in this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 30

Peter keeps moving toward Pax even when the journey is hard. What motivates him?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 29

Describe a moment when Pax shows bravery.
Why is it brave?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

What are your first impressions of Bristle and Runt? Use details from the chapter to explain your thinking.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

Vola helps Peter, but she is not exactly warm or friendly at first. Why do you think she acts this way?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 28

What does Peter learn about the meaning of home in this part of the story?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 27

How do Bristle, Runt, and Pax begin to seem like a family?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 8

What signs of war appear in Pax’s world, and how do they affect the animals?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

Peter and Vola both seem stubborn. How are they alike, and how are they different?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 26

Peter sees more clearly what war has done to people and places. What detail from the chapter stands out to you most?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 25

As Pax travels through dangerous places, what strengths help him keep going?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 10

Choose one word to describe Vola in this chapter. What evidence supports your word choice?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 11

Pax has to learn new ways to survive. What is one lesson he learns from the wild foxes?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 24

How does Vola change because of Peter's visit?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 23

When Peter prepares to leave Vola, what has he learned from her that he can carry with him?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 12

How do chores, rules, or hard work at Vola’s home help Peter change?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 13

Bristle has strong feelings about humans. What experiences help explain why she feels this way?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 22

Pax begins to feel pulled between his old life with Peter and his new life in the wild. What makes this choice difficult?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 21

How does learning to use puppets or storytelling help Peter understand himself better?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 14

Vola’s puppets are important to her. What do they reveal about her feelings or her past?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 15

How does Pax’s relationship with Runt grow in this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 20

Pax makes choices that protect others. What do these choices show about who he is?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 19

How is Peter healing in more than one way during his time with Vola?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 16

Peter thinks about anger, family, and responsibility. What is one feeling he is struggling with, and why?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 17

What lesson about war or guilt does Vola’s story teach Peter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 18

Pax notices danger that humans have brought into the wild. How does this danger change the mood of the story?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?
