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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

Pocket Bear

Author:

Katherine Applegate

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 problem does Pocket Bear face in Chapter 7, and how does he try to handle it?

Example answer: I think Pocket Bear's problem is that he has to face something that feels bigger than he is. He does not just give up, even though he seems worried. He tries to think carefully and do what he believes is right. This shows me that he is braver than he might look.

How to Answer (continued)

What is one word you would use to describe the mood of Chapter 24? Explain why that word fits.

Example answer: One word I would use to describe the mood is tense. While I was reading, I felt like something important might happen soon. The author gives little clues that made me pay close attention. That mood fits because the chapter made me feel nervous and curious at the same time.

After finishing Chapter 62, what do you think is the most important message of Pocket Bear? Explain using examples from the book.

Example answer: I think the most important message is that even someone small can matter a lot. Pocket Bear shows that kindness, courage, and love can make a difference. Throughout the book, he keeps going even when things are hard. The ending helped me see that his journey was important because he changed and helped others along the way.

Chapter 1

In Chapter 1, what do you learn about Pocket Bear, and what details help you understand what kind of character he is?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 62

After finishing Chapter 62, what do you think is the most important message of Pocket Bear? Explain using examples from the book.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 61

How does Chapter 61 prepare the reader for the ending?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

How does the setting in Chapter 2 affect what happens? Use one or two details from the chapter in your answer.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 3

What is the most important event in Chapter 3, and why do you think it matters to the story?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 60

What do you think Pocket Bear wants most in Chapter 60? How do his actions show it?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 59

What turning point happens in Chapter 59? How does it change the direction of the story?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

In Chapter 4, which detail seems small at first but might become important later? Explain your thinking.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

How do Pocket Bear's feelings change in Chapter 5? What causes that change?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 58

What question do you still have after Chapter 58? Why is that question important?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 57

How does Pocket Bear prove something about himself in Chapter 57?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

What new question do you have after reading Chapter 6? Why are you wondering about it?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

What problem does Pocket Bear face in Chapter 7, and how does he try to handle it?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 56

What emotion is strongest in Chapter 56? How does the author show that emotion?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 55

How does Chapter 55 make an earlier event or clue seem more important?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 8

Choose an interesting word or phrase from Chapter 8. What do you think it means, and why did the author choose it?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

What does Pocket Bear do in Chapter 9 that shows something about his personality?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 54

What problem seems closest to being solved in Chapter 54? What still needs to happen?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 53

Which detail in Chapter 53 helped you visualize the story best? Describe the picture it created in your mind.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 10

Based on Chapter 10, what do you predict will happen next? What clues helped you make that prediction?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 11

How does another character treat Pocket Bear in Chapter 11? What does that show about the other character?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 52

What message about hope or perseverance can you find in Chapter 52?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 51

How are the characters working together or working against each other in Chapter 51?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 12

What lesson might a reader begin to learn from Chapter 12? Explain using something that happened in the chapter.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 13

What part of Chapter 13 surprised you the most?
Why did it surprise you?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 50

What does Pocket Bear remember, realize, or understand in Chapter 50? Why is it important?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 49

What do you think will happen next after Chapter 49? Use details from the chapter to support your prediction.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 14

How does the author use small details in Chapter 14 to help you picture the scene?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 15

What choice does Pocket Bear make in Chapter 15? Do you agree with his choice? Why or why not?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 48

How does the mood change during Chapter 48? What causes the change?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 47

What does Chapter 47 show about being small, overlooked, or underestimated?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 16

If you could ask Pocket Bear one question after Chapter 16, what would you ask, and why?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 17

What does Chapter 17 teach you about kindness, courage, or friendship?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 46

What title would you give Chapter 46? Explain why your title fits the chapter.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 45

How does Pocket Bear respond to a problem in Chapter 45? What does his response show about him?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 18

Which moment in Chapter 18 seems most important for understanding Pocket Bear's journey? Explain your choice.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 19

How does Chapter 19 connect to something that happened earlier in the book?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 44

Pick a vocabulary word from Chapter 44 that you think is important. What does it mean in the story?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 43

What does Chapter 43 reveal about friendship or loyalty?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 20

What challenge appears in Chapter 20, and why might it be difficult for Pocket Bear?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 21

How has Pocket Bear changed from the beginning of the book to Chapter 21? Give an example.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 42

What object, place, or detail seems important in Chapter 42? Why might it matter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 41

How do the events in Chapter 41 affect Pocket Bear's hopes or worries?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 22

What do you think the author wants readers to feel in Chapter 22? What details create that feeling?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 23

What clues in Chapter 23 help you understand what a character is thinking or feeling?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 40

If you were in Pocket Bear's place in Chapter 40, what would you do? Explain your choice.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 39

What do you notice about the dialogue in Chapter 39? How does it help you understand the characters?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 24

What is one word you would use to describe the mood of Chapter 24? Explain why that word fits.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 25

How are the actions of two characters different in Chapter 25? What do those differences show?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 38

How does Pocket Bear show courage in Chapter 38, even if he feels unsure?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 37

What mistake or misunderstanding happens in Chapter 37? How does it affect the characters?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 26

What is the most important thing a reader should remember from Chapter 26? Why?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 27

How did Chapter 27 make you feel as a reader?
Describe the moment that caused that feeling.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 36

What theme, or big idea, appears in Chapter 36?
How do the events show that theme?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 35

Which character would you trust most after reading Chapter 35? Explain your answer.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 28

What prediction can you make after Chapter 28? Include evidence from the chapter.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 29

What does Pocket Bear seem to value most in Chapter 29? How can you tell?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 34

How does the author build suspense in Chapter 34? Give one example.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 33

What new information do you learn in Chapter 33, and how does it change the story?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 30

How does the setting change or become more important in Chapter 30?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 31

What does Pocket Bear learn about himself or others in Chapter 31?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 32

How does the ending of Chapter 32 make you want to keep reading?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?
