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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

Red kayak

Author:

Priscilla Cummings

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 6: Why does Brady decide to help search for Mrs. DiAngelo and Ben? What does his choice show about his character?

Example answer: I think Brady helps because he knows the river well and understands that every minute matters. He does not just wait for adults to solve the problem. This shows that Brady is brave and responsible, even though he is still young. It also shows that he cares about people, even if he does not know them very well.

How to Answer (continued)

Chapter 15: What would you do if you suspected your friends had done something wrong but you did not know the whole truth? Explain your thinking.

Example answer: I would probably feel scared and confused, just like Brady does. I would not want to get my friends in trouble if I was wrong, but I also would not want to hide something serious. I think I would talk to a trusted adult and explain what I knew and what I was unsure about. That would be hard, but it would be better than keeping a dangerous secret.

Chapter 24: What lesson does the novel teach about loyalty? Is being loyal to friends always the same as protecting them?

Example answer: The novel shows that loyalty is not just keeping your friends' secrets no matter what. Real loyalty can mean helping friends face the truth, even when it is painful. If someone has done something that hurt another person, protecting them from consequences may only make things worse. I think Brady learns that doing the right thing can matter more than staying popular with friends.

Chapter 1

Chapter 1: Brady hints that something serious has happened. What mood does the first chapter create, and what details help create that feeling?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 26

Chapter 26: What is your opinion of the ending? Did it feel fair, hopeful, sad, or something else? Explain your answer.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 25

Chapter 25: How has Brady changed from the first chapter to this point? Give examples from the story.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

Chapter 2: What do you learn about Brady's life on the river and his family? How does the setting seem important to the story?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 3

Chapter 3: How does Brady feel about the DiAngelo family moving into the area? Why might changes in his neighborhood bother him and his friends?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 24

Chapter 24: What lesson does the novel teach about loyalty? Is being loyal to friends always the same as protecting them?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 23

Chapter 23: How do different characters begin to heal, or fail to heal, after the truth comes out?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

Chapter 4: Compare Brady, J.T., and Digger as friends. What makes their friendship strong, and what problems do you notice?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

Chapter 5: What clues show that the river and the weather can be dangerous? What do you predict might happen because of these clues?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 22

Chapter 22: What does the court or legal process teach Brady about choices and consequences?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 21

Chapter 21: Brady shows courage in a different way than he did during the river rescue. How does he show courage in this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

Chapter 6: Why does Brady decide to help search for Mrs. DiAngelo and Ben? What does his choice show about his character?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

Chapter 7: Describe Brady's rescue efforts. Which details make this part of the story feel tense or frightening?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 20

Chapter 20: What do you predict will happen when adults or the law learn more about what happened to the kayak? Why?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 19

Chapter 19: Why is telling the truth so difficult for Brady? What are the risks of staying silent?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 8

Chapter 8: How do the adults and neighbors respond after Ben is found? What do their actions show about the community?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

Chapter 9: Brady uses skills he has learned to try to help Ben. Why is it important for people to be prepared in an emergency?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 18

Chapter 18: Choose one strong word or phrase from this chapter that describes the river, the weather, or Brady's emotions. What does it mean, and why is it effective?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 17

Chapter 17: How does guilt change Brady's friendship with J.T. and Digger? Use details from the chapter in your answer.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 10

Chapter 10: After hearing the news from the hospital, how does Brady react? What questions or feelings does he struggle with?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 11

Chapter 11: How do J.T. and Digger act after the accident? What makes Brady feel confused or suspicious about them?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 16

Chapter 16: How does Brady's relationship with his parents help him or put pressure on him during this part of the story?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 15

Chapter 15: What would you do if you suspected your friends had done something wrong but you did not know the whole truth? Explain your thinking.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 12

Chapter 12: The red kayak is more than just a boat in this story. What do you think it symbolizes so far, and why?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 13

Chapter 13: Digger has a lot of anger about his family and the DiAngelos. How does his anger affect the choices he makes?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 14

Chapter 14: Brady begins to put clues together about what happened to the kayak. What evidence seems important, and why?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?
