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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

Rez Dogs

Author:

Joseph Bruchac

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 can Malian’s situation teach readers about handling a change they did not choose?

Example answer: I think Malian’s situation shows that an unwanted change can bring many different feelings. The pandemic keeps her at her grandparents’ home instead of letting her return to her parents. I would find that hard, even if I loved being with my grandparents. Her situation makes me think that accepting help from family can matter when life changes.

Chapter 32

What idea from your reading would you like to carry into your own life? Explain how it connects to Malian’s story.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 31

Why do you think Rez Dogs is a fitting title at this point in your reading? Connect your answer to what you know so far.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

How to Answer (continued)

What does the story suggest so far about why grandparents and other elders matter in a family or community?

Example answer: I think elders matter because they connect younger people to family experiences and knowledge. Malian's grandparents help her learn about her Wabanaki heritage. Their knowledge gives her something she could not get just by being on her own. This makes me think listening to elders is one way to understand where we come from.

What does Rez Dogs suggest so far about the ways people and animals can help one another?

Example answer: I think the story suggests that help does not always come through words. The dog offers Malian companionship while the pandemic keeps her away from her parents. I see that companionship as important because being apart from family can feel lonely. Their connection makes me think caring about an animal can also help a person feel less alone.

Chapter 1

How would you explain Malian’s situation to someone who has not read Rez Dogs? Use details you have learned so far.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 30

What do you hope Malian comes to understand about herself or her family? Explain how the story so far led you to that hope.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 29

Which detail from your latest reading adds something new to your understanding of Malian’s world? Explain what it adds.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

What have you learned about the reservation where Malian is staying, and how does this setting matter to the story?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 3

Which detail so far best helps you understand Malian’s feelings about being away from her parents? Explain your choice.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 28

How has your understanding of Malian’s grandparents grown since you began reading? Point to a detail that added to your understanding.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 27

What does Rez Dogs suggest so far about the ways people and animals can help one another?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

What do you think Malian will need most as the pandemic continues? Use something you have read to support your prediction.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

How would you describe Malian’s grandparents based on what you know so far? Explain what helped you form that opinion.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 26

Find a word or phrase connected to family, home, or community. What does it mean in its sentence, and why does it stand out?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 25

If Malian faced another unexpected change, how do you think she might respond? Use what you know about her to explain.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

What can Malian’s situation teach readers about handling a change they did not choose?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

Choose an interesting word from your reading.
What clues help you understand it, and how does it help tell Malian's story?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 24

What role does the dog seem to have in the story so far? Explain your thinking without guessing beyond what you have read.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 23

How does Joseph Bruchac help you understand a character without simply telling you what that character is like?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 8

What questions do you have about the dog in Rez Dogs? Explain which details made you curious.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

In what ways does Malian's life seem similar to or different from your own? Explain one important connection.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 22

Which part of the story would you most like to discuss with Malian? Explain what you would ask her and why.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 21

What does belonging seem to mean in Rez Dogs so far? Think about Malian’s connections to family, community, or place.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 10

Which detail about Malian’s family seems most important to remember? Explain why it could matter.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 11

What might Malian learn from spending more time with her grandparents? Base your prediction on what you know about them.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 20

Choose a word that describes the mood of your latest reading. Which details make that word a good fit?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 19

What strength do you notice in Malian so far?
Describe something in the text that points to that strength.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 12

Where do you notice care or kindness in the story so far? Explain what it shows about a character.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 13

How does knowing that the story takes place during the COVID-19 pandemic help you understand Malian’s choices or feelings?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 18

How might the reservation setting shape what happens next? Support your idea with a detail from your reading.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 17

What have you learned so far about Malian’s Wabanaki family or community? Explain how the author helped you learn it.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 14

Pick a short phrase that creates a strong picture in your mind. What do you picture, and what does it help you understand?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 15

What does the story suggest so far about why grandparents and other elders matter in a family or community?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 16

Which part of Malian’s situation would be hardest for you? Explain your thinking using a detail from the book.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?
