

How to print this booklet

Open the PDF, choose Print, and set these:

Paper size	US Letter (8.5 × 11 in)
Orientation	Landscape
Print on both sides	On (two-sided / duplex)
Flip on	Short edge
Scale	100% / Actual size — not “Fit to page”
Pages	All

THEN

1. Take the whole stack out of the printer. Keep the sheets in order.
2. Fold the stack in half, so this page is on the outside.
3. Staple twice along the fold.



Make another at didtheyreallyread.com

Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

Rowley Jefferson's Awesome Friendly Adventure

Author:

Jeff Kinney

Date Started:

Date Finished:

Keep reading. Keep wondering.
Created by didtheyreallyread.com

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 have you noticed so far about the kinds of stories Rowley and Greg prefer? Explain one difference between their ideas.

Example answer: I notice that Rowley likes a friendly adventure, while Greg wants to make the story more exciting and scary. Rowley cares about his heroes being good people. Greg's suggestions sometimes pull the story in a different direction. I think their different ideas help explain why telling a story together can be tricky.

Chapter 24

What lesson about being a good friend can you take from your reading so far? Connect your idea to Roland and Garg or to Rowley and Greg.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 23

If Roland and Garg's adventures continued beyond what you have read, what would you expect them to learn next? Support your idea with something you know about them.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

How to Answer (continued)

Would you rather travel with Roland or Garg, based on what you know so far? Explain what would make that character a good traveling partner.

Example answer: I would rather travel with Roland because I like his kind personality. On a strange adventure, I would want a partner who cares about other people. Being strong would be useful, but being thoughtful would matter too. I think I would feel comfortable sharing my ideas with Roland.

If Rowley asked you for one idea to add to his adventure, what would you suggest? Explain how your idea would fit the story you have read so far.

Example answer: I would suggest a magical tree that gives directions only after someone says something kind. This is my own idea, not something that happens in the book. It would fit a fantasy adventure because the tree could talk. It would also give Roland and Garg a problem they could solve without fighting.

Chapter 1

What are Roland and Garg trying to do at this point in Rowley's adventure? Explain what makes their goal important.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 22

Choose a phrase from your reading that creates a funny, friendly, or exciting mood. Explain how the author's word choices create that feeling.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 21

If Rowley asked you for one idea to add to his adventure, what would you suggest? Explain how your idea would fit the story you have read so far.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

How would you describe Roland and Garg's friendship so far? Use a detail from your reading to support your answer.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 3

Which part of Rowley's adventure has made you laugh most so far? Explain what makes it funny.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 20

How have Greg's comments influenced your view of Rowley as a storyteller so far? Explain what they reveal about Rowley's choices or feelings.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 19

How is a problem in Roland and Garg's adventure similar to a problem someone might face in everyday life? Explain both the similarity and the difference.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

Choose a word from your reading that helps you picture Rowley's fantasy world. What does it mean, and what does it help you imagine?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

Based on what you have read, what kind of challenge might Roland and Garg face next? Explain your prediction.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 18

What does being brave seem to mean in Rowley's story so far? Explain whether bravery always requires fighting.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 17

Which detail from Rowley's fantasy world might become important in a future adventure? Explain why you chose it.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

What does Rowley's story suggest about being kind so far? Explain how kindness could help someone on an adventure.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

Which detail in your latest reading makes Roland and Garg's world different from the real world?
Explain how that detail affects the adventure.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 16

Find an unfamiliar word in the part you just read.
How can the nearby words or a picture help you figure out its meaning?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 15

How do the illustrations affect your enjoyment or understanding of the adventure? Discuss one picture from your reading.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 8

What have you noticed so far about the kinds of stories Rowley and Greg prefer? Explain one difference between their ideas.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

Would you rather travel with Roland or Garg, based on what you know so far? Explain what would make that character a good traveling partner.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 14

Which of Roland's qualities stands out most in your reading so far? Explain how his words or actions reveal that quality.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 13

Retell one important moment from the part of Rowley's adventure you just read. Why does that moment matter to the story so far?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 10

Pick a word or phrase from your reading that describes Roland or Garg. What does it help you understand about that character?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 11

What choice do you think Roland might make if he faces another difficult situation? Use something you already know about him to explain your guess.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 12

Where have you noticed teamwork in the story so far? Explain what the characters can accomplish together that would be harder alone.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?
