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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

Rowley Jefferson's Awesome Friendly Spooky Stories

Author:

Jeff Kinney

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.

Did you find the part you just read more funny or more frightening? Explain your opinion using a detail from Rowley's storytelling.

Example answer: I find Rowley's mix of spooky storytelling and humor more funny than frightening. The friendly way he presents scary ideas makes me feel like I can enjoy them instead of worrying too much. I still like feeling a little nervous while I read. For me, that mix makes a spooky story more fun.

How to Answer (continued)

How does the part you just read fit the title Rowley Jefferson's Awesome Friendly Spooky Stories? Choose a word from the title and connect it to your reading.

Example answer: I would choose the word "friendly" because Rowley presents spooky stories in a playful way. A friendly story can still make me wonder what scary thing might happen. To me, the title promises scares that readers can also laugh about. That combination is what I enjoy about Rowley's collection.

If Rowley continued the story you just read, what do you predict might happen next? Use a clue from your reading to explain your idea.

Example answer: I predict that another strange problem could appear if Rowley continued this story. The spooky mood makes me think that things might not stay ordinary for long. I would expect the next problem to include something funny, too, because Rowley mixes humor with scares. I would want to see whether the characters handled the new problem differently.

Chapter 1

What is the main problem in the story or section you just read from Rowley Jefferson's spooky collection? Explain what makes that problem important.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 14

What idea from your latest reading could connect to everyday life, even though this is a spooky story? Explain the connection without simply retelling the plot.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 13

How does the part you just read fit the title Rowley Jefferson's Awesome Friendly Spooky Stories? Choose a word from the title and connect it to your reading.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

Which detail in your latest reading helped create a spooky mood? Explain how it made you picture the scene.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 3

Choose a character from the part you just read. What does the character's response to something strange or frightening show about their personality?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 12

How would your response to the spooky situation in your latest reading compare with a character's response? Explain what you would do and why.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 11

Choose an important action from your latest reading. What caused it, and what happened because of it?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

If Rowley continued the story you just read, what do you predict might happen next? Use a clue from your reading to explain your idea.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

What does the part you just read suggest about fear? Explain whether fear helps a character, causes trouble, or does something else.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 10

What surprised you most in the part you just read? Explain what you expected instead and which detail changed your thinking.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

How does Rowley's way of telling the story affect your reading experience? Describe a storytelling choice that makes the latest part feel friendly, strange, funny, or spooky.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

Find a word or phrase in your latest reading that helps make Rowley's story spooky or funny. What do you think it means, and which nearby details helped you understand it?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

Did you find the part you just read more funny or more frightening? Explain your opinion using a detail from Rowley's storytelling.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 8

How do the characters in your latest reading treat one another? Explain what their actions suggest about friendship, trust, or kindness.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?
