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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

Save Me a Seat

Author:

Sarah Weeks

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.

How does Ravi misunderstand something in this chapter? What clues show that he is still learning how things work at his new school?

Example answer: I think Ravi misunderstands Dillon because he thinks Dillon is being friendly and helpful. The clues show that Ravi is still learning the rules of his new school and does not know which students are trustworthy yet. Ravi is used to being confident at school, so he does not expect someone to trick him. This makes me feel worried for him because readers can see more than he can.

How to Answer (continued)

Why is lunch an important time in the story? What do you learn about friendships or belonging during lunch?

Example answer: Lunch is important because it shows who feels included and who feels left out. At lunch, students choose where to sit, and that can make someone feel wanted or unwanted. I learn that friendship is not only about talking in class; it is also about making space for someone. Saving a seat can be a small action that means a lot.

How does Ravi show growth in this chapter compared with the beginning of the book?

Example answer: Ravi shows growth because he is starting to understand people better instead of judging everything too quickly. At the beginning, he expected school to be easy for him and thought he knew who his friends were. Now he pays more attention to actions, not just words. I think this shows he is becoming more humble and more careful.

Chapter 1

At the start of the story, what problem or worry does the narrator seem to have, and what details help you know?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 49

After finishing the book, what do you think the title *Save Me a Seat* means? How does it connect to friendship and belonging?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

How does the school setting feel to Joe in this chapter? Describe one thing that makes school hard or uncomfortable for him.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 3

Ravi has ideas about how his first day will go. What does he expect, and how are his expectations already starting to change?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 48

What is the most important lesson a character learns near the end of the book? Explain with an example.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 47

What changes in the way classmates see Joe, Ravi, or Dillon? Why do those changes matter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

What do you learn about Joe's relationship with his mom? How does having her at school affect him?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

Choose one word or phrase from this chapter that shows Ravi's feelings. What does it mean, and why is it important?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 46

What feelings did you have as the main conflict came closer to being resolved? What details made you feel that way?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 45

How do Joe and Ravi use what they know about Dillon to make a plan or solve a problem?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

Why do you think Joe notices Dillon so much?
What does Dillon do that affects Joe?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

How does Ravi misunderstand something in this chapter? What clues show that he is still learning how things work at his new school?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 44

What does this chapter show about standing up for yourself or for someone else?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 43

What role do adults play in this chapter? Are they helping, missing the problem, or learning something too?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 8

What does this chapter show about Joe's auditory processing challenges? How do they affect his day?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

What opinion do you have of Ravi so far? Use evidence from the chapter to explain your thinking.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 42

How does Joe show growth in this chapter compared with the beginning of the book?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 41

How does Ravi show growth in this chapter compared with the beginning of the book?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 10

What does Joe want other students to understand about him? How might that change the way they treat him?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 11

How does Ravi's family background shape the way he acts at school? Give one example from this chapter.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 40

What prediction can you make about how the problem with Dillon might be solved? Use clues from the chapter.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 39

What does the word 'seat' or the idea of saving a seat mean in this part of the story?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 12

What prediction can you make about Joe and Ravi after this chapter? What makes you think that?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 13

How does Dillon make himself look friendly or important? Why might that be confusing for Ravi?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 38

How does the author show that Joe and Ravi are more alike than they first seemed?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 37

What is one important choice a character makes in this chapter? What might happen because of that choice?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 14

What is one small moment in this chapter that shows Joe is paying close attention to people around him?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 15

Ravi compares his old school life with his new school life. What is different, and how does that make him feel?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 36

How does teamwork start to become possible for Joe and Ravi in this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 35

If you could give Ravi advice at this moment in the story, what would you tell him and why?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 16

What does Joe do when he feels embarrassed or overwhelmed? Do you think his response helps him? Why or why not?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 17

What lesson about making assumptions can readers learn from Ravi in this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 34

What does Joe understand about Dillon that Ravi has not fully understood yet?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 33

How does Ravi's opinion of Dillon begin to shift?
What evidence makes him question what he
thought before?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 18

How does the author help you understand Joe's
point of view in this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 19

Pick an unfamiliar or interesting word from this chapter. What do you think it means, and how did the sentence help you?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 32

What theme, or big message, is starting to appear in the story? Use one event from this chapter to support your idea.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 31

How do Joe's classmates or teachers respond to him in this chapter? What seems helpful or unhelpful?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 20

What conflict is growing in the story by this point? Explain who is involved and what each person wants.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 21

How does Ravi react when things do not go the way he planned? What does that show about his character?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 30

What does Ravi learn about being smart in a new place? How is school success different from just knowing answers?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 29

How does the chapter build suspense or make you wonder what will happen next?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 22

Why is lunch an important time in the story?
What do you learn about friendships or belonging during lunch?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 23

How does Joe's view of Ravi begin to change, or stay the same, in this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 28

What connection can you make between Joe's feelings and a time you or someone you know felt left out?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 27

What mistake does Ravi make because he trusts the wrong person? How could he have handled it differently?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 24

What do you think Ravi needs most right now: a friend, help understanding school, or a chance to prove himself? Explain.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 25

What does Dillon's behavior teach you about bullying that is not always easy for adults to notice?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 26

How does Joe show courage in this chapter, even if it is a quiet kind of courage?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?
