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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

Saving Winslow

Author:

Sharon Creech

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 Louie show responsibility in this chapter or in the book so far?

Example answer: I think Louie shows responsibility because he keeps paying attention to what Winslow needs. He does not act like Winslow is just a fun pet or a toy. Louie understands that taking care of a weak animal means doing hard work and not giving up right away. That makes me see him as careful and loyal.

How to Answer (continued)

Compare Louie and Nora's feelings about getting attached to Winslow.

Example answer: Louie seems willing to love Winslow even though he knows things might not turn out the way he wants. Nora seems more careful and guarded. I think she may be afraid of caring too much and then getting hurt. Their different feelings make the story more interesting because both of them have reasons for how they act.

How does the idea of "saving" mean more than keeping Winslow alive?

Example answer: To me, saving Winslow is not only about helping his body get stronger. Louie is also trying to save hope, because he wants to believe that small and weak things can still matter. Winslow gives Louie something to care about deeply. In that way, Louie might be helping himself at the same time he is helping Winslow.

Chapter 1

So far, what is the most important thing Louie has done to help Winslow, and why does it matter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 49

Looking back on the book so far, how has Louie's idea of hope grown or changed?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

What have you learned about Winslow's needs or condition, and how does that information affect Louie's choices?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 3

How does Louie show responsibility in this chapter or in the book so far?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 48

What do you think the author wants readers to notice about loving someone fragile?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 47

If you were Nora, how might you feel about watching Louie care so much for Winslow?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

What words or actions reveal how Louie feels about his brother Gus?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

Nora often reacts differently from Louie. What have you noticed about Nora's way of looking at Winslow so far?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 46

What is still unanswered for you at this point in the book?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 45

What does the story suggest about promises or commitments?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

What is one problem Louie faces while caring for Winslow, and how does he try to solve it?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

What do the adults around Louie seem to think about his care for Winslow? Use details from the story so far.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 44

How do the characters' words about Winslow show their personalities?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 43

What emotion did you feel strongest during this chapter, and what caused it?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 8

Which moment so far made you feel hopeful, worried, or curious, and why?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

What do you predict will happen next with Winslow's health? Use clues from what you have read.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 42

What makes Winslow worth fighting for, even if the work is hard?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 41

What do you think Louie is learning about letting others help?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 10

How does the author make Winslow seem like more than just an animal?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 11

What does Louie's relationship with Winslow teach about patience?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 40

How does the idea of "saving" mean more than keeping Winslow alive?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 39

Which sentence or scene would you reread because it feels important or beautiful?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 12

Choose an interesting word or phrase from the chapter you just read. What do you think it means, and how does it fit the mood?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 13

How does the short, simple writing style affect the way you read Louie's story?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 38

What is one disagreement or difference of opinion in the story so far, and why does it matter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 37

What connection can you make between Louie's care for Winslow and a time someone cared for you, another person, or an animal?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 14

What question would you ask Louie if you could speak to him right now?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 15

So far, how has caring for Winslow changed Louie's daily life?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 36

What prediction can you make about Louie and Nora's friendship?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 35

How does Sharon Creech help you understand characters' feelings without overexplaining them?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 16

What is one thing Louie wants badly, and what makes that wish important to him?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 17

How do hope and fear both show up in the chapter you just read?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 34

What is one small detail from this chapter that might become important later?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 33

If the chapter you just read had a title of your own, what would it be and why?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 18

Compare Louie and Nora's feelings about getting attached to Winslow.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 19

What does the story show about being brave when something is uncertain?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 32

How does missing Gus affect Louie's mood or choices?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 31

What lesson about loss or worry is beginning to appear in the story?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 20

Which detail about the setting helps you picture where Louie and Winslow are?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 21

What advice would you give Louie at this point in the story?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 30

Which character has surprised you most so far, and what did they do or say?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 29

What is one clue that Winslow is improving, struggling, or changing? How do you know?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 22

How does the author build suspense about whether Winslow will be okay?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 23

What does Winslow seem to need most right now, either physically or emotionally?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 28

How would the story be different if Louie gave up easily?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 27

Find a moment where someone shows kindness.
What made it kind?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 24

Describe a choice Louie makes that tells you
what kind of person he is.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 25

How do Louie's family relationships shape his actions with Winslow?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 26

What do you think Nora may be protecting herself from when she acts cautious or doubtful?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?
