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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

Schooled

Author:

Gordon Korman

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.

Cap is elected eighth-grade president as a joke, but he takes the job seriously. What does this tell you about Cap's character?

Example answer: I think this shows that Cap is honest and responsible. He does not understand that the other kids are trying to make fun of him, so he just does the job the best he can. Instead of being lazy or angry, he tries to help people and make the school better. That makes me respect him.

Chapter 31

What do you think is the most important message of *Schooled*, and how does the final chapter help show that message?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

How to Answer (continued)

How does Zach react when Cap becomes more liked by other students, and what does that reaction reveal about him?

Example answer: Zach gets jealous and upset when Cap starts becoming popular. He is used to being the one everyone listens to, so he does not like losing attention. This shows that Zach cares a lot about power and what other people think of him. It also shows that he is not very secure inside.

What do you think is the most important message of *Schooled*, and how does the final chapter help show that message?

Example answer: I think the most important message is that kindness can change people. Cap does not try to be cool or popular, but he treats people with respect, and that makes a big difference. By the end, many students understand that he was a real friend. The final chapter shows that being yourself can be more powerful than trying to fit in.

Chapter 1

How is Cap Anderson's life at Garland Farm different from the lives of most kids his age, and what do those differences help you understand about him?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 30

How has Cap changed from the beginning of the book to this chapter, and how has he stayed the same?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 29

What lesson do you think Zach needs to learn by the end of the novel? Support your answer with examples from the story.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

When Rain gets hurt, Cap has to leave the only home he knows. What problems does this create for him right away?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 3

How does Mrs. Donnelly try to help Cap, and why do you think she feels connected to him and Garland Farm?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 28

How does the school community respond when Cap is gone, and what does their response show about friendship?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 27

What prediction can you make about Cap’s future after the big changes in this part of the story? Explain your thinking.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

Sophie does not want Cap in her home at first. What does her reaction show about her personality and her point of view?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

At school, Cap stands out right away. What are some things he does not understand about regular middle school life?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 26

Rain has strong ideas about the outside world. Do you agree with the way she has protected Cap? Why or why not?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 25

How do the students show that Cap has made a difference at C Average Middle School? Use details from the chapter.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

Zach sees Cap as a good target for a prank. What does this show about Zach and the way he uses popularity?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

Hugh notices that people are paying more attention to Cap than to him. How does Hugh feel about this, and why are his feelings complicated?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 24

What does Cap miss about Garland Farm, and what might he also miss about school if he had to leave?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 23

How does Zach react when Cap becomes more liked by other students, and what does that reaction reveal about him?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 8

Cap is elected eighth-grade president as a joke, but he takes the job seriously. What does this tell you about Cap’s character?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

What are some school rules or customs that confuse Cap, and how do his reactions make the story funny or interesting?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 22

Cap tries to include everyone instead of leaving people out. Why is inclusion an important idea in this book?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 21

Naomi begins to question Zach’s plan. What does this show about her growing sense of right and wrong?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 10

Cap tries to treat people kindly, even when they are not kind to him. How does this connect to the theme of being true to yourself?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 11

Choose one word that describes Cap in this chapter, such as innocent, brave, confused, or honest. Why is that word a good fit?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 20

What does the word popularity mean in this part of the story, and how is Cap's kind of popularity different from Zach's?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 19

Sophie’s feelings about Cap start to change over time. What events or actions help her see him in a new way?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 12

How do Naomi and the other students begin to see Cap differently as they spend more time around him?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 13

Cap often misunderstands what other students mean, but he still tries to help. How can misunderstanding sometimes lead to both problems and good surprises?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 18

When Cap helps during a surprising emergency, how does it change what some people think about him?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 17

How does Cap’s calm way of dealing with problems affect the people around him?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 14

What does Hugh learn from watching the way Cap handles teasing or bullying?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 15

Darryl and Zach make choices that hurt Cap. Why do you think some characters follow along with mean behavior even when they know it is wrong?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 16

Cap’s ideas for being class president are very different from what the students expect. Which idea seems most surprising, and why?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?
