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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

Skandar and the Spirit War

Author:

A.F. Steadman

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.

What does being called an outlaw make you expect about Skandar's life? Explain how your reading supports or changes that idea.

Example answer: I expect Skandar to have trouble finding a safe place because an outlaw cannot live openly. The fact that he is in hiding supports my idea. I also think being called an outlaw could make other people doubt him. To me, that label does not tell us everything about whether he is a good person.

Chapter 32

What qualities does Skandar need to become a good leader? Explain which quality your reading so far makes you think is most important.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 31

What question about the Island's past would you like the story to answer? Explain why that history might matter to its troubles now.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

How to Answer (continued)

How might the trouble on the Island affect people on the Mainland? Use what you know so far to make a prediction.

Example answer: I predict that people on the Mainland could be in danger even though the war starts on the Island. Rex is preparing to invade the Mainland, so the trouble may spread. I think Skandar will need to consider people in both places when he makes choices. This makes his problem bigger than just keeping himself safe.

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Example answer: I think Skandar needs courage, patience, and good judgment. Good judgment seems most important to me because the Islanders are unsure whom to trust. He needs to listen carefully instead of deciding that everyone is either a friend or an enemy right away. A strong leader should think about how each choice could affect other people.

Chapter 1

What is the biggest problem facing Skandar so far, and which detail from your reading helps explain it?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 30

How has your opinion of a character changed since you first met them? If it has not changed, explain which detail has strengthened your first opinion.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 29

What responsibility does a character face in your reading so far? Explain whether you think the character is handling it well.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

How would you describe Skandar to someone who has not read the book? Use something he has said, done, or thought so far.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 3

Based on what you know now, what might Skandar try next? Explain the clue that supports your prediction.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 28

Choose a word that describes a character in your latest chapter. What does the word mean, and why is it a good fit?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 27

Which moment in your latest chapter felt most tense or uncertain? Explain how the author made it feel that way.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

Which detail about the Island in your reading helps you picture what life there is like?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

Who seems most trustworthy at this point in the story? Explain what makes you think so.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 26

Where do you notice a character needing help from someone else? Explain what this suggests about teamwork.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 25

What seems to matter most to Skandar right now? Use a detail from the story to explain your answer.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

Find a word in your latest chapter that is new or interesting to you. What do you think it means, and which nearby words help you understand it?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

How does the danger of war affect a character's choices in what you have read so far?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 24

How does the title, Skandar and the Spirit War, connect to what you have read so far?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 23

What small detail from your latest chapter might matter later? Explain why it caught your attention.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 8

Which choice in your latest chapter do you agree or disagree with most? Explain your reasons.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

What have you learned about Rex Manning so far, and what question would you still like to ask him?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 22

Which character's point of view would you most like to hear about the events you just read? Explain what that character might help you understand.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 21

How has a secret or a missing piece of information affected the story so far?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 10

Where do you see friendship making a difference in the story so far? Explain how it affects a character.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 11

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

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 20

What do you understand about Kenna at this point, and what would you like to learn about her?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 19

Which phrase in your latest chapter helps create a strong picture in your mind? Explain what you imagine when you read it.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 12

What does being called an outlaw make you expect about Skandar's life? Explain how your reading supports or changes that idea.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 13

Which feeling stands out most in your latest chapter? Describe the words or actions that helped you notice it.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 18

When has a character shown courage in your reading so far? Explain what made the action brave.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 17

Pick two characters you have met. How do they respond differently to a problem, and what does that show about them?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 14

If you could give Skandar one piece of advice at this point, what would it be and why?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 15

What has the story shown you about elemental magic so far? Explain one way it matters to the characters or their problems.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 16

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