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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

Skeleton man

Author:

Joseph Bruchac

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.

Choose one word or phrase from this chapter that helps create a creepy or tense mood. What does it make you picture or feel?

Example answer: A phrase that helped create a creepy mood was a description of things being very quiet. It made me picture Molly feeling alone, even when she should have felt safe. Quiet can be peaceful, but in this book it feels scary because Molly senses that something is wrong. That makes me want to keep reading to find out what is really happening.

Chapter 16

At the end of this chapter, what is the most important thing for the reader to remember, and why do you think it will matter later?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 15

Compare Molly's ordinary world, such as school or family life, with the frightening parts of the story. How does that contrast make the book more interesting?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

How to Answer (continued)

What prediction can you make about the man who says he is Molly's uncle? Support your prediction with evidence from what you have read so far.

Example answer: I predict that the man who says he is Molly's uncle is hiding something important. My evidence is that he appears in Molly's life after her parents are gone, and Molly does not fully trust him. The way the story connects him with fear and the Skeleton Man legend makes me suspicious. I think Molly will need to be very careful around him.

What lesson about listening to your instincts might the author be developing so far? Use Molly's experiences to explain.

Example answer: I think the author is showing that your instincts can help protect you. Molly notices when something feels wrong, even if other people might not believe her right away. She pays attention to her fear instead of pretending everything is fine. That seems important because the story is about danger that is not always easy to prove.

Chapter 1

After this chapter, what do you know so far about Molly's life and the mystery around her parents? Use details from the chapter to explain.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 14

What lesson about listening to your instincts might the author be developing so far? Use Molly's experiences to explain.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 13

What is one choice an adult makes in this part of the story, and how does that choice affect Molly?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

Which detail in this chapter makes the man who says he is Molly's uncle seem trustworthy or untrustworthy? Explain your thinking.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 3

How do Molly's thoughts, dreams, or memories connect to the old stories about Skeleton Man so far?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 12

How does Molly react when she feels scared, confused, or unsure in this chapter? What does her reaction show about her character?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 11

Describe one important setting in this chapter, such as Molly's home, school, or a dream place. How does that setting affect the mood?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

If you could ask Molly one question after reading this chapter, what would you ask, and why would that question matter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

Choose one word or phrase from this chapter that helps create a creepy or tense mood. What does it make you picture or feel?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 10

What prediction can you make about the man who says he is Molly's uncle? Support your prediction with evidence from what you have read so far.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

If you were one of Molly's classmates, what might you notice about her in this chapter, and how could you try to help?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

So far, how is Molly showing courage when the adults around her may not understand what is happening?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

What clues has Joseph Bruchac given in this chapter that something is not right? Put the clues together in your own words.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 8

How does Molly's Mohawk heritage or family storytelling seem important in this part of the book?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?
