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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

Small Wonder

Author:

Ross Montgomery

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.

Which part of this chapter would you most like to reread, and why?

Example answer: I would reread the part where the main character has to make a choice. On my first reading, I wanted to find out what would happen, so I read quickly. This time, I would pay closer attention to the character's thoughts. Those details could help me understand why the character chose that way.

Chapter 36

Looking only at this chapter, what is one idea you understand better by the end? Explain which details helped your understanding.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 35

Create a new title for this chapter. Explain how your title connects to its events or ideas.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

How to Answer (continued)

If you could ask a character one question about this chapter, what would you ask, and why?

Example answer: I would ask the main character, "What do you wish the other characters understood about you?" I want to know whether the character's actions match their feelings. Sometimes people act confident even when they are worried. The answer could help me see the chapter from the character's point of view.

Create a new title for this chapter. Explain how your title connects to its events or ideas.

Example answer: I would call the chapter "Still Figuring It Out." I finished reading with questions about why the characters acted as they did. My title shows that understanding a situation can take time. It also fits my feeling as a reader because I want to keep looking for clues.

Chapter 1

What is the most important thing that happens in this chapter, and why does it matter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 34

What does this chapter leave unexplained? Offer two possible explanations and tell which seems more likely.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 33

Imagine giving a character advice at the end of this chapter. What would you suggest, and what detail supports your advice?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

Which character's goal is clearest in this chapter? Explain what that character wants and how you can tell.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 3

How does the place or time affect what happens in this chapter? Use a detail from the text.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 32

Which object or place in this chapter seems most important to a character? Explain what makes it matter.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 31

Where does the author slow down to give details or speed up to move through events? How does that choice affect your reading?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

Based on a clue in this chapter, what do you predict will happen next? Explain your thinking.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

Choose a word that is new, interesting, or used in an unusual way. What do you think it means, and which nearby words help you?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 30

What connection can you make between this chapter and your own life, another story, or the world? Explain both a similarity and a difference.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 29

Summarize this chapter in three sentences, focusing on the beginning, the middle, and the end.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

Which part of this chapter would you most like to reread, and why?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

Describe a character's reaction to something in this chapter. What does that reaction show about the character?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 28

How much do you trust what a character says in this chapter? Explain what makes you believe or doubt it.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 27

Suppose a character's current plan does not work. Based on this chapter, what might the character try instead?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 8

What problem or unanswered question stands out in this chapter? Explain what makes it difficult to solve.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

What might this chapter teach readers about how people treat one another? Support your idea with a detail.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 26

Look for a phrase that means more than its words seem to say, or choose a vivid description. Explain its meaning in your own words.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 25

What does this chapter suggest about doing the right thing when it is difficult? Explain your idea, or describe why the right choice is unclear.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 10

How would you describe the mood of this chapter? Point to words or details that helped create that feeling.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 11

Pick a choice a character makes in this chapter.
What other choice could the character have made, and how might that change things?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 24

If you could ask a character one question about this chapter, what would you ask, and why?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 23

Which detail seems small at first but adds something important to this chapter? Explain its value.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 12

Explain how two events or ideas in this chapter connect. Does one lead to the other, or do they connect in another way?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 13

Find a description that helps you picture something clearly. Which words make it effective?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 22

Describe a strength or weakness a character shows in this chapter. How does it affect what happens?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 21

What makes you want to keep reading after this chapter? Explain which question or possibility interests you most.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 14

Where do you notice a character's feelings changing or becoming clearer in this chapter? Explain what reveals those feelings.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 15

What idea about solving problems could a reader take from this chapter? Show how the chapter supports your idea.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 20

How might another character describe one moment from this chapter differently? Explain what that character would notice.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 19

Choose a strong action word from this chapter.
How would replacing it with a simpler word
change the sentence?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 16

Which detail from this chapter might become
important later? Predict how it could matter.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 17

Do you agree with something a character says or thinks in this chapter? Explain your view using the text.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 18

What does a conversation—or a character's private thought—help you understand in this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?
