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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

Snowball (The Puppy Place)

Author:

Ellen Miles

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.

Based on what you know about Snowball so far, what kind of person or family might be a good match for him? Explain your prediction.

Example answer: I predict that Snowball would do well with someone who has time to care for a puppy. Since the Petersons are helping him find a home, I think they need to look for more than someone who just likes dogs. His new owner would need patience and a plan for meeting his needs. I will watch for clues about which home would suit his personality.

How to Answer (continued)

How well does the title Snowball fit what you have read so far? Explain what it makes you expect and how it connects to the story.

Example answer: I think Snowball is a useful title because it tells me which puppy is at the center of the story. Before reading, the name made me expect a story about a pet rather than a real snowball. Now I am interested in more than his name because I want to know what kind of home will be right for him.

If you could ask Charles or Lizzie one question about helping Snowball at this point in the story, what would you ask? Explain why that question matters to you.

Example answer: I would ask Lizzie how she decides what matters most when looking for a puppy's new home. I might focus on whether someone seems friendly, but that would not tell me everything about how they would care for a dog. Her family has to think about Snowball's needs, too. This question matters to me because I would want to help him make a good match.

Chapter 1

What is the most important development in the chapter you just read, and how does it connect to the Peterson family's work helping puppies like Snowball?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 10

If you could ask Charles or Lizzie one question about helping Snowball at this point in the story, what would you ask? Explain why that question matters to you.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

Which part of this chapter connects most strongly to responsibility? Explain what it shows about caring for an animal or helping someone else.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

Choose something Charles or Lizzie says or does in this chapter. What does it help you understand about that character's feelings toward dogs?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 3

Based on what you know about Snowball so far, what kind of person or family might be a good match for him? Explain your prediction.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 8

What have you learned about Snowball's personality or needs so far? Explain how a detail from the story helped you understand him.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

What problem or unanswered question stands out at this point in the story? Describe what you know about it and what still needs to be figured out.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

Find a word or phrase in this chapter that helps describe a character, a puppy, or a place. What do you think it means, and which clues helped you?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

So far, what does the Peterson family's experience suggest about why a temporary home can matter to a puppy? Use a detail from your reading.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

How well does the title Snowball fit what you have read so far? Explain what it makes you expect and how it connects to the story.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?
