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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

Something Upstairs

Author:

Avi

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.

Chapter 1: So far, how does Kenny seem to feel about moving into the old house in Providence? What clues from the chapter show his feelings?

Example answer: I think Kenny feels unsure but also curious.

The old house in Providence seems different from a regular house, so I can understand why he might feel nervous. At the same time, he pays attention to the strange details around him, which shows he wants to know more. If I were Kenny, I would probably feel excited and worried at the same time.

How to Answer (continued)

Chapter 5: So far, what do Kenny and Caleb seem to want from each other? How are their goals alike or different?

Example answer: So far, I think Kenny wants to understand what is happening and why Caleb is connected to the house. Caleb seems to want Kenny to listen and help him in some way. Their goals are alike because they both need answers. They are different because Kenny is living in the present, while Caleb is tied to the past.

Chapter 9: Looking back at the whole book, how has Kenny changed because of what he learned about Caleb, Providence, and the past? What lesson do you think Avi wants readers to remember?

Example answer: I think Kenny changes because he learns that the past is not just something in history books. It can affect real people and real places, including the house where he lives. He becomes braver and more thoughtful as he learns about Caleb's story. I think Avi wants readers to remember that truth and justice matter, even when something happened long ago.

Chapter 1

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Chapter 2

Chapter 2: What new questions do you have about Caleb, the house, or the strange things happening so far? Explain why those questions matter to the story.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 3

Chapter 3: Choose one decision Kenny makes in this chapter. What does that decision show about his personality?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 8

Chapter 8: Based on what you know now, what do you predict Kenny will do next about Caleb and the mystery of the house? Use evidence from the story to support your prediction.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

Chapter 7: What unfairness or question about justice appears in the story so far? How do Kenny’s experiences make you think about right and wrong?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

Chapter 4: How does Avi create a spooky or mysterious mood in this chapter? Describe two details that help build that feeling.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

Chapter 5: So far, what do Kenny and Caleb seem to want from each other? How are their goals alike or different?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

Chapter 6: Pick a word or phrase from this chapter that helps you understand the setting, time period, or mood. What do you think it means, and how does it help the story?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?
