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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

Spirit (the Puppy Place #50)

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 a clue in this chapter, what do you predict will happen next? Explain how the clue supports your prediction.

Example answer: If my chapter ended with an unsolved problem, I would predict that the character will try another way to solve it. I would look for a clue showing what the character might do differently. If the character had asked someone for advice, I would predict that the advice will help with the next attempt. I would explain that this clue makes my prediction more likely than a random guess.

How to Answer (continued)

Choose an interesting or unfamiliar word from this chapter. What do you think it means, and how do the nearby words help you figure it out?

Example answer: If I found the word “hesitated” in my chapter, I would look at what the character did before and after it. If the nearby sentences described the character pausing before acting, I would think it means “waited because of uncertainty.” I would use that meaning to reread the sentence and check whether it makes sense. I could also check a dictionary to see how close my guess was.

What message about life or treating others could a reader learn from this chapter? Support your idea with something a character says or does.

Example answer: If a character helped someone even when it was difficult, I might see a message about kindness. I would explain that being kind sometimes takes extra effort. I would support my idea by describing the helpful action from the chapter. I would also explain how that action affected someone else, because that would show why the kindness mattered.

Chapter 1

What is the most important event in the chapter you just read? Explain what happened and why it matters.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 10

What question are you left wondering about after this chapter? Explain which detail made you curious and why the answer would matter.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

How do two characters interact in this chapter?
Explain what their words or actions suggest
about their relationship.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

Which choice in this chapter helps you
understand a character better? Explain what the
choice shows about that character.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 3

Based on a clue in this chapter, what do you predict will happen next? Explain how the clue supports your prediction.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 8

Which moment in this chapter would you most like to talk about with a friend? Explain what makes it worth discussing.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

What message about life or treating others could a reader learn from this chapter? Support your idea with something a character says or does.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

How does the setting affect what happens in this chapter? Use a detail about the place or time to explain your thinking.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

Choose an interesting or unfamiliar word from this chapter. What do you think it means, and how do the nearby words help you figure it out?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

What problem does a character face in this chapter, and how does the character respond? Explain whether that response helps.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?
