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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

Stargirl

Author:

Jerry Spinelli

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.

Stargirl does not seem worried about fitting in. What does this chapter suggest about being yourself?

Example answer: I think this chapter suggests that being yourself can make other people curious or even uncomfortable. Stargirl acts in her own way, even when the other students stare at her. I think she is brave because she does not hide what makes her special. This makes me wonder why the other students care so much about everyone being the same.

How to Answer (continued)

The word “shunning” means leaving someone out on purpose. How does shunning appear in this chapter, and why is it hurtful?

Example answer: Shunning appears when people stop talking to Stargirl and even make Leo feel left out too. It is hurtful because it makes someone feel invisible, like they do not matter. I think ignoring someone on purpose can hurt as much as saying something mean. Stargirl seems strong, but I think it still must feel lonely.

When Hillari treats Stargirl cruelly, Stargirl responds in a surprising way. What theme or lesson do you see in that moment?

Example answer: I see a lesson about choosing kindness even when someone is unkind to you. Stargirl does not try to get revenge on Hillari. Instead, she reacts in a peaceful and surprising way. I think this shows that Stargirl is true to herself and does not let other people's cruelty control her.

Chapter 1

What do we learn about Leo in Chapter 1, and why do you think the porcupine necktie is important to him?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 33

At the end of the book, what do you think Leo has learned from Stargirl? How might this lesson stay with him?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

How does Stargirl first seem different from the other students at Mica High? Use details from the chapter.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 3

What are some ways the students react to Stargirl? What do their reactions show about the school?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 32

How has Stargirl’s time at Mica High changed the people around her, even after she is gone?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 31

Choose one symbol from this chapter or the story, such as the porcupine necktie, the desert, or a star. What might it stand for?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

Stargirl does not seem worried about fitting in. What does this chapter suggest about being yourself?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

How does Wayne Parr represent what is considered “normal” at Mica High? Why might that matter in the story?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 30

What does Archie help Leo understand about Stargirl and the way people remember her?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 29

What happens after Stargirl leaves? How does her absence affect Leo and the school?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

Leo and Kevin want Stargirl to be on Hot Seat. What do you predict might happen if she goes on the show?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

Describe one kind or unusual thing Stargirl does in this chapter. How does it affect the people around her?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 28

How do you feel about Leo’s choices near the end of the story? What would you have done differently?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 27

When Hillari treats Stargirl cruelly, Stargirl responds in a surprising way. What theme or lesson do you see in that moment?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 8

How does Stargirl begin to change the mood or spirit of the school? Give an example from the chapter.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

Why do some students become upset when Stargirl cheers for the other team? What does this tell you about loyalty?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 26

Describe Stargirl's entrance or actions at the dance. How does she affect the people there?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 25

How does Dori show friendship to Stargirl? Why is having one loyal friend important?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 10

Do you think the students are fair to Stargirl in this chapter? Explain your opinion with reasons.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 11

How does Stargirl act when people question or criticize her on Hot Seat? What does this show about her character?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 24

What do you predict will happen at the Ocotillo Ball? Will it be a happy event, a difficult event, or both?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 23

Stargirl seems to return to being herself. What signs show that she is no longer trying to be Susan?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 12

After the Hot Seat episode, what changes for Stargirl at school? How do you think she feels?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 13

What does Leo notice when he follows Stargirl?
How does this help him understand her better?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 22

What does this chapter show about the
difference between popularity and true
happiness?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 21

What is disappointing about the way students respond to Susan’s success? How would you have responded?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 14

How is Leo’s relationship with Stargirl changing?
What feelings does he seem to have about her?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 15

Archie often gives advice or wisdom. What lesson does he seem to be teaching Leo in this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 20

How does Susan act at the speech contest, and what does her behavior show about her hopes?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 19

Do you predict Susan will become more accepted by the students? Why or why not?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 16

Leo starts to feel pressure from other students. How does that pressure affect the choices he makes?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 17

The word “shunning” means leaving someone out on purpose. How does shunning appear in this chapter, and why is it hurtful?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 18

What changes does Stargirl make when she becomes Susan? Why do you think she decides to change herself?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?
