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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

Summer according to Humphrey

Author:

Betty G. Birney

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.

How is Camp Happy Hollow different from Mrs. Brisbane's classroom, and how do those differences affect Humphrey's choices in this chapter?

Example answer: Camp Happy Hollow feels much bigger and less predictable than Mrs. Brisbane's classroom. In the classroom, Humphrey usually knows the students, the schedule, and where things belong. At camp, there are outdoor places, new routines, and different people to watch. That makes Humphrey pay close attention and think carefully before he acts.

How to Answer (continued)

How does seeing the events through Humphrey's point of view change the way you understand this chapter?

Example answer: Seeing the story through Humphrey's point of view makes the chapter funnier and more interesting to me. He notices small things that humans might not think are important, like sounds, smells, and how people act around him. Since he is a hamster, even ordinary camp events can seem like big adventures. His point of view also helps me understand how much he wants to help.

What does this chapter show about fitting in, making new friends, or trying new experiences during the summer?

Example answer: This chapter shows that new experiences can feel exciting and nervous at the same time. Humphrey has to learn how things work in a different place, and that reminds me of going somewhere new. I think the book is showing that paying attention and being kind can help someone fit in. It also shows that friends can make unfamiliar places feel safer.

Chapter 1

After this chapter, what is the most important thing that has happened to Humphrey so far, and why does it matter to the story?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 21

What lesson or message could a reader take from this chapter so far? Support your idea with details from what you read.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

What clues in this chapter show how Humphrey feels about summer camp or about being away from his usual classroom routines?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 3

How is Camp Happy Hollow different from Mrs. Brisbane's classroom, and how do those differences affect Humphrey's choices in this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 20

Before moving on, what do you think still needs to be solved or understood in Humphrey's summer adventure?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 19

What does this chapter show about fitting in, making new friends, or trying new experiences during the summer?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

Choose one interesting or tricky word from this chapter. What do you think it means, and what clues helped you figure it out?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

Based on what you read in this chapter, what problem or adventure do you think Humphrey or Og might face next? Explain your thinking.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 18

Who shows courage or tries something difficult in this chapter? Explain what made that action brave.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 17

What is one cause-and-effect connection in this chapter? Tell what happened first and what happened because of it.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

How does friendship show up in this chapter? Use an example involving Humphrey, Og, or one of the people at camp.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

What decision does a character make in this chapter? Do you agree with that choice? Why or why not?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 16

Which scene from this chapter would you most like to see as a picture or movie scene? Describe it and tell why you chose it.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 15

How does seeing the events through Humphrey's point of view change the way you understand this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 8

What problem is introduced or continued in this chapter, and how do the characters respond to it?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

Pick one character from this chapter besides Humphrey. What is one trait that character shows, and what words or actions prove it?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 14

Describe a conflict in this chapter. Is it mostly a problem between characters, a problem inside one character, or a problem caused by the setting?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 13

What does this chapter suggest about responsibility, especially when people are caring for pets, friends, or a camp community?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 10

What part of this chapter felt funny, surprising, or exciting? Explain how the author made that moment stand out.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 11

What clue from this chapter makes you curious about what will happen later in the book? What question do you have now?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 12

Humphrey often has a special way of thinking and speaking. What phrase, thought, or reaction in this chapter shows his personality?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?
