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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

Tales from a Not-so-popular Party Girl

Author:

Rachel Renée Russell

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.

What does Nikki's story suggest about being a good friend so far? Explain using a detail from your reading.

Example answer: I think Nikki's story suggests that being a good friend means taking promises seriously. She has promised to spend the Halloween dance with her two best friends, but she also wants to be Brandon's date. I can understand why she wants to do both. Still, I think she needs to consider how her friends might feel if they expect her to stay with them.

Chapter 31

After your latest reading, what would you tell a friend about why Nikki's story is worth reading—or why it is not for you? Support your opinion without revealing anything you have not read yet.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

How to Answer (continued)

What advice might help Nikki handle the responsibilities she has so far? Predict how following your advice could change what happens next.

Example answer: I would tell Nikki to explain her plans to everyone instead of trying to manage everything alone. Helping with her sister's ballet party and attending the school dance sound hard to fit together. I predict that asking for help could make her evening less stressful. It might also help her friends understand why she cannot be everywhere at once.

How does reading Nikki's diary help you understand her feelings? Point to a detail that might be harder to understand if someone else told her story.

Example answer: I think Nikki's diary helps me understand why the Halloween plans matter so much to her. Being Brandon's date is important to her, but so is spending time with her best friends. From the outside, I might only notice that her plans overlap. Hearing her side helps me see that she is trying to balance several people she cares about.

Chapter 1

What seems to be Nikki's biggest problem at this point in her diary? Explain which details helped you decide.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 30

Which relationship in Nikki's life seems most important to the story right now? Explain why you chose it.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 29

Select a describing word or phrase from your latest reading. How would replacing it with a simpler word change the way you picture the scene?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

How would you describe Nikki to someone who has not read the book? Use something you have learned about her so far.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 3

Which detail from your reading helps you picture Nikki's school or home life, and what does it show you?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 28

What does the story show so far about balancing your own wishes with what other people need? Connect your answer to Nikki.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 27

Where have you noticed a difference between what Nikki hopes will happen and what actually happens? Explain how she responds, or describe a hope that is still waiting to come true.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

What does Nikki's story suggest about being a good friend so far? Explain using a detail from your reading.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

Based on what you know now, what do you think Nikki will worry about next, and why?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 26

Imagine you could warn Nikki about one possible problem ahead. What would your warning be, and what clues support it?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 25

How does reading Nikki's diary help you understand her feelings? Point to a detail that might be harder to understand if someone else told her story.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

Choose a word from your latest reading that describes a feeling. What does it mean, and how does it fit the moment?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

Which of Nikki's choices so far do you agree or disagree with most? Give a reason for your opinion.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 24

What does Nikki seem to want most right now, and what might make it difficult for her to get it?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 23

Which character's feelings would you like Nikki to understand better at this point? Explain what makes those feelings important.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 8

How does Nikki act around other people compared with how she expresses herself in her diary? Use an example you have noticed.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

What have you learned about Brandon so far, and why might that information matter to Nikki?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 22

Choose an unfamiliar or interesting word from your reading. How did the words around it help you figure out its meaning?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 21

What have you learned about Nikki's family life so far? Explain how it might affect her life with friends or at school.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 10

Where do you notice the wish to be popular affecting Nikki's thoughts or choices? If you have not noticed it yet, explain what she seems to care about instead.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 11

Pick a moment from your reading that you found funny, awkward, or surprising. What made you react that way?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 20

Think about the latest difficulty Nikki faces. What are two possible ways it could turn out, and which seems more likely?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 19

In what way does Nikki's story connect to the idea of fitting in? Use a detail from your reading, or explain why another idea seems more important right now.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 12

What advice might help Nikki handle the responsibilities she has so far? Predict how following your advice could change what happens next.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 13

How has Nikki's relationship with Chloe or Zoey helped you understand her? Explain with something you have read so far.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 18

What question would you ask Nikki about something she has written? Explain why you want to know the answer.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 17

How might another character describe Nikki differently from the way she describes herself? Explain your thinking using what you know so far.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 14

Find a phrase in Nikki's diary that has a strong voice or feeling. What does it mean, and what does it reveal about her mood?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 15

Which piece of information from your latest reading seems most important to remember? Explain why it might matter.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 16

When has Nikki seemed confident or unsure of herself so far? What details show that feeling?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?
