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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

Talons of Power

Author:

Tui T. Sutherland

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 trouble do you predict Turtle's secret magic could cause? Explain what makes your prediction reasonable.

Example answer: I predict Turtle could have trouble deciding when to use his magic. If he uses it to help someone, another dragon might discover his secret. If he keeps hiding it, he might feel bad about not helping. His wish to stay unnoticed makes me think this will be a hard choice for him.

How to Answer (continued)

What would help you decide whether a dragon deserves Turtle's trust? Connect your answer to what you have read so far.

Example answer: I would look at how a dragon treats someone who cannot offer anything in return. Turtle has a powerful secret, so someone might be interested in his magic instead of his friendship. I would trust a dragon more if that dragon respected his choices and did not pressure him. To me, actions would matter more than promises.

Can a quiet dragon like Turtle be an exciting main character? Explain your opinion using what you have learned about him so far.

Example answer: I think Turtle can be exciting even though he does not want attention. He has secret magic, which makes me wonder what he might do with it. His quiet personality also makes his thoughts important because other dragons may not know what he is feeling. I want to find out whether his wish to stay unnoticed will get in the way of helping others.

Chapter 1

What have you learned so far about Turtle in Talons of Power? Explain what seems most important to know about him.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 30

Which question about Turtle's story most interests you at this point? Explain what you know about it and what you still want to understand.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 29

Has your opinion of any dragon changed during your reading? Explain what changed your mind, or what has made your first impression stronger.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

How does the dragon world around Turtle affect his choices? Use a detail about a place described so far.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 3

What trouble do you predict Turtle's secret magic could cause? Explain what makes your prediction reasonable.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 28

What connection can you make between Turtle's experiences and a situation someone might face at school or at home? Explain both a similarity and a difference.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 27

Summarize your latest chapter in a few sentences. Focus on the event or discovery that matters most to the story.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

Which feeling seems strongest for Turtle at this point? Describe a detail that helped you recognize it.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

Find a word connected to magic or power in your reading. What do you think it means, and which nearby words helped you?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 26

Can a quiet dragon like Turtle be an exciting main character? Explain your opinion using what you have learned about him so far.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 25

Find a word that describes speaking, thinking, or moving in your latest chapter. How would the meaning change if the author used a simpler word?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

Do you think Turtle's wish to avoid attention helps him or holds him back? Explain your opinion using what you know so far.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

What problem seems most important in the story right now? Explain how it affects Turtle or another dragon.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 24

When has it been hard to tell whether a dragon's choice was right or wrong? Explain the different sides you can see.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 23

How does fear affect a choice in your reading?
Explain whether you think that fear is helpful,
harmful, or a little of both.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 8

What are you curious about when you think
about Turtle and his sister Anemone? Explain
why your question matters to understanding
Turtle.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

Which friendship or family relationship has caught your attention so far? Describe what makes it interesting.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 22

Whose point of view besides Turtle's would you like to hear at this point? Explain what that dragon might help you understand.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 21

Choose a small detail that might become important later. What do you predict it could lead to, and why?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 10

Based on your reading, how might being brave differ from being powerful? Connect your ideas to Turtle's world.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 11

How does Tui T. Sutherland make you curious or worried about what will happen next? Describe one writing choice you noticed.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 20

If you could suggest one rule for using animus magic responsibly, what would it be? Explain how your reading helped you choose it.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 19

How does the title Talons of Power connect to the story so far? Explain what the word power makes you think about.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 12

What choice might Turtle face next? Explain what you think he would consider before deciding.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 13

Compare Turtle with another dragon you have met so far. How do they respond differently to a problem, a fear, or another character?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 18

Describe a moment from your reading that you could picture clearly. Which details helped you imagine the dragons or their surroundings?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 17

Which action or thought has helped you understand what Turtle cares about? Explain what it reveals.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 14

What do you understand about animus magic at this point, and what do you still wonder about it?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 15

Choose a word or phrase that helps create the mood of your latest chapter. Explain its meaning and how it affects the way the scene feels.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 16

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New word I learned:

What do you think it means?
