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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

The absent author

Author:

Ron Roy

Date Started:

Date Finished:

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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.

Josh and Ruth Rose help Dink investigate the mystery of Wallis Wallace. How does teamwork help the kids in this chapter, and what does each friend add to the group?

Example answer: Teamwork helps because the mystery is too big for just one person to solve. Dink is good at staying focused on the problem, while Josh notices funny or strange details. Ruth Rose asks smart questions and helps the group think carefully. Together, they can compare ideas and not miss as much.

How to Answer (continued)

What clue, detail, or suspicious moment stood out to you most in this chapter? Explain why you think it might be important later.

Example answer: A detail that stood out to me was when something did not seem to match what the characters expected about Wallis Wallace. It felt suspicious because mysteries usually have small clues that become important later. I think the kids will need to remember that moment when they put the clues together. It made me want to keep reading to see if my guess is right.

What is one question you still have after reading this chapter? Explain why that question matters to the mystery.

Example answer: One question I still have is why Wallis Wallace has not appeared the way everyone expected. This matters because the whole mystery is about figuring out what happened to the author. If the kids can answer that question, they will probably get much closer to solving the case. It also makes the story more exciting because I do not know who to trust yet.

Chapter 1

So far, what important problem are Dink, Josh, and Ruth Rose trying to understand in Green Lawn? Use details from this chapter to explain what makes the problem feel like a mystery.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 10

Think about the chapter you just finished. What part did you enjoy, find surprising, or find confusing, and why?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

What is one question you still have after reading this chapter? Explain why that question matters to the mystery.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

What have you learned so far about Dink as a friend and a detective? Describe one choice he makes or one thing he says that shows his personality.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 3

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Chapter 8

How do the characters show curiosity, courage, or careful thinking in this chapter? Pick one character and explain what that character does.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

What prediction can you make about Wallis Wallace or the mystery at this point in the book? Give at least two reasons from the story to support your prediction.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

Choose an interesting or tricky word from this chapter. What do you think it means, and what clues in the sentence or scene helped you figure it out?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

What clue, detail, or suspicious moment stood out to you most in this chapter? Explain why you think it might be important later.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

So far, how does the setting of Green Lawn affect the story? Describe one place the characters visit or talk about and how it helps move the mystery forward.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?
