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THEN

1. Take the whole stack out of the printer. Keep the sheets in order.
2. Fold the stack in half, so this page is on the outside.
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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

The case of the garden monster

Author:

Bentley, Nancy.

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 a character's choice in this chapter show about their personality? Use a detail from the chapter to support your idea.

Example answer: I think [character's name] shows [personality trait] in this chapter. When [describe the situation], the character chooses to [describe the choice]. This choice shows that trait because [explain your reason]. I learned more about the character from this action than I would from just being told what they are like.

Chapter 7

How did one event in this chapter lead to another? Explain the connection and how it affected a character or the story's problem.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

How to Answer (continued)

Choose a word from this chapter that is new, interesting, or used in an unusual way. What do you think it means, and how do the words around it help you understand it?

Example answer: I chose the word [word from the chapter]. I think it means [meaning in your own words]. The nearby words [short phrase from the chapter] helped me figure it out because [explain the clue]. When I replace the word with my meaning, the sentence still makes sense.

Which part of this chapter did you find most interesting, surprising, or confusing? Explain your reaction and what you would like to discuss with another reader.

Example answer: I was most surprised by [describe a moment from the chapter]. Before that moment, I expected [explain your earlier idea]. The detail [add a detail from the chapter] made me stop and think. I would ask another reader whether this moment changed their ideas, too.

Chapter 1

What is the most important event in this chapter? Explain what happened and why it matters to the story so far.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

Which part of this chapter did you find most interesting, surprising, or confusing? Explain your reaction and what you would like to discuss with another reader.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

What lesson about life or treating others could a reader learn from this chapter? Explain how a character's actions or experiences connect to that lesson.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

What does a character's choice in this chapter show about their personality? Use a detail from the chapter to support your idea.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 3

Choose a word from this chapter that is new, interesting, or used in an unusual way. What do you think it means, and how do the words around it help you understand it?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

Based on a clue in this chapter, what do you predict will happen next? Explain how the clue supports your prediction.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?
