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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

The City of Ember (The First Book of Ember)

Author:

Jeanne DuPrau

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 are Lina and Doon alike or different so far? Use evidence from the story to support your thinking.

Example answer: I think Lina and Doon are alike because they both notice that Ember has serious problems. They also both want to do something useful instead of just accepting everything. They are different because Lina seems more hopeful and imaginative, while Doon seems more serious and frustrated. Both of them care about their city, but they show it in different ways.

Chapter 20

After this chapter, what do you think the author wants readers to feel or think about Lina, Doon, and the future of Ember?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 19

How has your opinion of Ember changed since the beginning of the book? Use one detail from this chapter and one earlier detail.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

How to Answer (continued)

What prediction can you make about a problem in Ember? What details from the chapter helped you make that prediction?

Example answer: I predict that the problems in Ember will get worse before they get better. The lights and supplies seem very important, and people are worried about what might happen next. Details about darkness and shortages make me think the city cannot keep going the same way forever. I think Lina and Doon may have to help find a solution.

What theme, or big idea, seems to be growing in the story so far, such as hope, teamwork, truth, or survival? Explain your thinking.

Example answer: A big idea I notice is hope. Even though Ember feels dark and trapped, some characters still believe there could be answers. Lina's curiosity and Doon's determination show that they do not want to give up. This makes me think the story is about looking for light, even when things seem scary.

Chapter 1

So far, what do you understand about the city of Ember and the way people live there? Use details from the chapter to explain your answer.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 18

What theme, or big idea, seems to be growing in the story so far, such as hope, teamwork, truth, or survival? Explain your thinking.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 17

Describe a moment when a character has to decide whether to obey, question, or take action. What would you have done in that situation?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

What problem or worry seems most important to Lina, Doon, or another character in this chapter? Why does it matter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 3

How does the setting of Ember affect what the characters can do, see, or hope for? Give one example from what you read.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 16

How does this chapter show the difference between what ordinary citizens know and what leaders or adults may know?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 15

What is one way Lina or Doon tries to solve a problem instead of giving up? What can readers learn from that?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

Choose one choice a character makes in this chapter. What does that choice show about the character's personality?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

What is one question you have about Ember’s past or future after reading this chapter? What clues made you wonder about it?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 14

Pick an important object, message, place, or discovery from this chapter. Why might it be important to the story?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 13

How do the people of Ember respond to fear, shortages, darkness, or uncertainty? What does their response teach you about them?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

How are Lina and Doon alike or different so far? Use evidence from the story to support your thinking.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

Find a word or phrase in this chapter that helps create the mood of Ember. What does it mean, and how does it make the chapter feel?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 12

What does this chapter suggest about courage? Name a character who shows courage, even in a small way.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 11

How does Jeanne DuPrau build suspense or curiosity in this chapter? Describe a moment that made you want to keep reading.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 8

What does this chapter show about rules, jobs, or responsibilities in Ember? Do you think the system seems fair? Why or why not?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

Which character do you trust most right now, and which character are you unsure about? Explain your reasons using the text.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 10

What prediction can you make about a problem in Ember? What details from the chapter helped you make that prediction?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?
