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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

The devil's arithmetic

Author:

Jane Yolen

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.

So far, what do you notice about Hannah's feelings toward her family's stories and traditions? Use details from the chapter you just read.

Example answer: I notice that Hannah does not always want to listen to the old family stories. She sometimes seems bored or annoyed because they feel far away from her own life. But the story is starting to show that these memories matter more than she first understands. I think Hannah may need to learn why her family keeps telling them.

Chapter 19

What theme, or big idea, seems most important so far: memory, bravery, family, identity, or survival? Explain your thinking.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

How to Answer (continued)

What is one moment in this chapter that made you feel worried, curious, sad, or hopeful? Explain why.

Example answer: One moment that made me curious was when Hannah felt like something strange was happening around her. I wanted to know why things did not seem normal anymore. It made the chapter feel mysterious and a little scary. I kept reading because I wanted to understand what was happening to her.

What theme, or big idea, seems most important so far: memory, bravery, family, identity, or survival? Explain your thinking.

Example answer: I think memory is the most important theme so far. The book shows that remembering people and their stories is a way to honor them. Hannah is connected to her family's past even when she does not fully understand it yet. This makes me think the author wants readers to see history as something personal, not just facts in a book.

Chapter 1

So far, what do you notice about Hannah’s feelings toward her family’s stories and traditions? Use details from the chapter you just read.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 18

If you could give Hannah advice at this point in the story, what would you tell her and why?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 17

What is one part of the chapter that you think the author wants readers to remember? Why does it stand out?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

How does Jane Yolen show that remembering the past is important in this part of The Devil's Arithmetic?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 3

What is one choice Hannah makes or thinks about in this chapter, and what does it show about her character?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 16

How do names, memories, or stories help connect characters to their families in this book?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 15

What signs of unfairness or danger do you notice in the chapter you just read? How do the characters respond?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

Describe the setting in the chapter you just read. How does the place affect the mood of the story?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

What questions do you have about Hannah, Chaya, or the strange situation Hannah is facing so far?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 14

Choose a character from this chapter and explain what that person might be feeling inside, even if they do not say it out loud.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 13

What do you predict Hannah will understand better as the story continues? What clues make you think that?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

Pick one important word or phrase from this chapter. What do you think it means, and why is it important to the story?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

How do the adults in the story, such as Aunt Eva, Grandpa Will, Gitl, or Shmuel, help readers understand family and history?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 12

Compare Hannah’s life before the strange events with the life she is learning about as Chaya. What feels most different?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 11

How does the author use confusion, surprise, or suspense to make you want to keep reading?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 8

What is one moment in this chapter that made you feel worried, curious, sad, or hopeful? Explain why.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

So far, how is Hannah changing in the way she sees herself or the people around her?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 10

What does this chapter teach you about courage? Give an example from the reading.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?
