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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

The Hero Two Doors Down

Author:

Sharon Robinson

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 does Steve’s interest in baseball help you understand why Jackie Robinson matters to him? Use something you have learned so far.

Example answer: I think Steve’s love of baseball makes Jackie Robinson seem especially exciting to him. Jackie is a real baseball player, not just someone Steve hears about in a made-up story. Having a baseball hero live nearby would feel amazing to a young fan. This helps me understand why Steve would want to know more about Jackie.

Chapter 20

Write a short summary of the chapter you just read, then explain how it adds to your understanding of the story of Steve and Jackie Robinson.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 19

Looking back only at the chapters you have finished, how has your understanding of Steve grown? Describe an early impression and something you would now add to it.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

How to Answer (continued)

What has your reading so far made you think about prejudice, or judging people unfairly because of who they are? Connect your thinking to Steve’s Brooklyn neighborhood.

Example answer: My reading makes me think that being neighbors does not always mean people understand each other. Steve is Jewish, and Jackie Robinson is Black. Those facts do not tell us everything about either person. I think people in their neighborhood should get to know each other instead of making unfair judgments.

How does the Brooklyn setting shape the story so far? Explain how living near other people could affect Steve’s experiences.

Example answer: I think the Brooklyn neighborhood makes this story feel close to Steve’s everyday life. Jackie Robinson is not only a baseball hero; he is also someone who lives nearby. That gives Steve a chance to think about a famous person as a neighbor. Living close to other people can also help someone learn about lives different from their own.

Chapter 1

What have you learned so far about Steve Satlow and his life in Brooklyn? Choose two details that help you picture his world.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 18

What does being a hero seem to mean in your reading so far? Explain how Jackie Robinson or another person helps you think about that word.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 17

How does the Brooklyn setting shape the story so far? Explain how living near other people could affect Steve’s experiences.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

Based on what you have read, what do you predict Steve will learn about Jackie Robinson? Explain what makes you think so.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 3

Which of Steve’s feelings do you understand best in your reading so far? Explain why he might feel that way.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 16

Which moment in this chapter would you most like to discuss with a classmate? Explain what makes it interesting or puzzling.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 15

Compare Steve and Jackie Robinson using what you know at this point. What is one similarity or difference that seems important, and why?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

How does Steve’s interest in baseball help you understand why Jackie Robinson matters to him? Use something you have learned so far.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

Choose a word from this chapter that helps describe a person, place, or feeling. What do you think it means, and which nearby words helped you figure it out?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 14

What do you think might challenge Steve’s ideas next? Base your prediction on something you have read, rather than on what you hope will happen.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 13

Find a word or phrase in this chapter connected to baseball or neighborhood life. How does it help you picture Steve’s experiences?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

What is one question you would ask Steve about something he thinks, says, or does in your reading so far? Explain why you would ask it.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

Describe a choice someone makes in this chapter. What does that choice help you understand about Steve’s world?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 12

Where do you notice kindness, respect, or a need for those things in your reading so far? Explain how that connects to friendship.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 11

How do the people around Steve shape his ideas so far? Choose one person and explain that person's influence.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 8

What has your reading so far made you think about prejudice, or judging people unfairly because of who they are? Connect your thinking to Steve's Brooklyn neighborhood.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

Which detail in this chapter seems most important to remember? Explain how it connects to what you already know about Steve or Jackie Robinson.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 10

Imagine you could give Steve advice at this point in your reading. What would you tell him, and why?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?
