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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

The last kids on Earth and the Nightmare King

Author:

Max Brallier

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 does Jack's wish to keep his friends with him tell you about his feelings? Use a detail from your reading.

Example answer: I think Jack is scared of being left alone, even if he does not always show it. He wants his friends to stay instead of searching for other survivors. That makes me think their friendship helps him feel safe in a dangerous world. I understand his fear, but I also think his friends should have a say.

How to Answer (continued)

What lesson about friendship could a reader learn from Jack and his friends so far? Explain which part of their situation supports that lesson.

Example answer: I think the story shows that friends can care about each other and still want different things. Jack wants everyone to stay together, while his friends are interested in finding other survivors. Their different wishes do not have to mean they care less about one another. I think being a good friend means listening, even when the answer is not what I want to hear.

If you could ask Jack, June, Quint, or Dirk one question about what you have read so far, what would you ask, and why?

Example answer: I would ask Jack, "What worries you most about your friends searching for other survivors?" I want to know whether he is more afraid of danger or of being apart from them. His wish to keep everyone together makes me wonder about both. I think his answer would help me understand his choices better.

Chapter 1

So far, what does Jack's wish to keep his friends with him tell you about his feelings? Use a detail from your reading.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 25

At this point in the story, what do you most hope will happen for Jack and his friends? Explain why that outcome matters to you.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

What challenge in the chapter you just read shows how hard it is to live in a world full of monsters?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 3

Based on what you have read so far, how do June's goals compare with Jack's? Explain one similarity or difference.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 24

Compare your first impression of one character with your impression now. What has changed or become clearer as you have read?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 23

If you could ask Jack, June, Quint, or Dirk one question about what you have read so far, what would you ask, and why?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

What do you predict Jack will try next to solve a problem he is facing? Use a clue from your reading.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

How does the author make a scary or dangerous situation funny in your reading so far? Explain how the humor affects you.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 22

So far, how fairly does Jack balance his own wishes with what his friends want? Use a detail to explain your view.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 21

What problem in your latest chapter requires more than strength or fighting skills? Explain what else might help solve it.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

What has Quint contributed to the group so far? Explain why his contribution matters.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

Choose an interesting word from your latest chapter that helps describe a monster, a feeling, or a survival problem. What do you think it means, and which clues helped you?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 20

How does Jack's way of telling the story affect your opinion of him so far? Explain with a detail about his words or attitude.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 19

What does a conversation in your latest chapter reveal about the relationship between two characters?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 8

Based on your reading so far, what makes Dirk someone the others can count on—or someone they might question? Support your answer.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

What lesson about friendship could a reader learn from Jack and his friends so far? Explain which part of their situation supports that lesson.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 18

Choose a decision from your reading so far. What consequence might it have for the group's trust in one another?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 17

What mood does your latest chapter create?
Explain how the writing, events, or pictures help create that mood.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 10

How does the monster-filled setting of Wakefield affect a choice or action in your latest chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 11

So far, which seems harder for Jack: facing monsters or facing the thought of losing his friends? Explain your thinking.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 16

How well is Jack handling the job of being part of a team so far? Describe a strength or something he needs to improve.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 15

What survival skill has seemed most useful in your reading so far? Explain how it helps in Jack's world.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 12

What is your opinion of Jack's wish to keep his friends together? Explain what you understand about his wishes and what concerns you.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 13

What have you learned so far about why searching for other survivors might matter to someone in the group?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 14

Choose a description from your latest chapter that helped you picture the world around Jack. Which words made the picture clear?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?
