

How to print this booklet

Open the PDF, choose Print, and set these:

Paper size	US Letter (8.5 × 11 in)
Orientation	Landscape
Print on both sides	On (two-sided / duplex)
Flip on	Short edge
Scale	100% / Actual size — not “Fit to page”
Pages	All

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.
3. Staple twice along the fold.



Make another at didtheyreallyread.com

Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

The last kids on Earth

Author:

Max Brallier

Date Started:

Date Finished:

Keep reading. Keep wondering.
Created by didtheyreallyread.com

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.

Jack often thinks about his adventures like a video game. How does this way of thinking affect his choices so far?

Example answer: I think Jack's video-game way of thinking helps him feel less helpless. He treats dangerous problems like challenges he can beat. That makes him willing to try things instead of giving up. Still, I think he needs to remember that real danger is not a game with a restart button.

How to Answer (continued)

Think about how Jack talks about himself. What does this reveal about how he wants others to see him?

Example answer: I think Jack wants others to see him as brave and capable. He tells his story like he is the hero of a big adventure. His exciting way of describing things makes him sound confident, even when his situation is scary. I wonder if acting confident also helps him feel stronger.

What has Jack's story made you think about the difference between being a hero and looking like a hero?

Example answer: I think looking like a hero means trying to seem strong and impressive. Being a hero means making choices that help people, even when nobody is watching. Jack's adventure makes me think that fighting monsters is not the only way to be brave. Caring about friends and asking for help can matter too.

Chapter 1

Based on what you have read so far, what makes daily life difficult for Jack Sullivan in a world full of monsters and zombies?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 25

Looking back over your reading so far, which detail seems likely to matter later? Explain why it caught your attention.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

How does Jack's tree house compare with a normal home? Use details you have learned so far.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 3

What do you predict Jack will need most to stay safe next: supplies, a good plan, or help from someone else? Explain your prediction.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 24

If you could give your latest chapter a new title, what would you call it? Explain how your title connects to its most important idea or event.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 23

Compare two feelings Jack has shown so far. What causes each feeling, and how does he respond?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

Jack often thinks about his adventures like a video game. How does this way of thinking affect his choices so far?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

Which detail in your latest reading helped you picture Jack's surroundings in Wakefield?
Explain what you imagined.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 22

What has Jack's story made you think about the difference between being a hero and looking like a hero?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 21

Identify an object or resource that seems useful for survival in Jack's world. How could it help, and what might it fail to protect him from?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

Choose a word from your latest reading that describes danger. What do you think it means, and which nearby clues helped you?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

What has the story suggested so far about why friendship matters during hard times?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 20

Would you rather use Jack's approach to a problem or try a different plan? Choose a problem from your reading and explain your decision.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 19

What does Jack seem to want most at this point in the story? Describe a detail that helped you decide.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 8

Describe a problem Jack faces in your latest reading. What makes that problem difficult to solve?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

Where have you noticed humor in the story so far? Explain how it changes the feeling of a scary or serious moment.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 18

Explain how an illustration in your latest reading adds to the story. What can you learn from the picture that the words do not explain as clearly?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 17

Find a moment so far when Jack shows courage.
What makes his action brave rather than simply risky?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 10

Which character you have met so far would you want beside you during a monster emergency?
Support your choice with a detail from the story.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 11

What question would you ask Jack about a choice he has made so far? Explain why you want to know his answer.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 16

What have you learned so far about someone Jack knows, such as Quint Baker, June Del Toro, or Dirk Savage? If you have only met Jack, explain what you have learned about him instead.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 15

Select an interesting word or phrase from your latest reading. How does it help make the scene funny, exciting, or scary?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 12

Think about how Jack talks about himself. What does this reveal about how he wants others to see him?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 13

Using a clue from your latest reading, predict a challenge Jack might face next. Explain how your clue supports your idea.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 14

How does being alone, or worrying about being alone, affect Jack so far?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?
