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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

The Magical Monarch of Mo

Author:

L. Frank Baum

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.

Baum often uses playful fantasy in stories about Mo. What is one magical or impossible detail in this chapter, and how does it affect the mood of the story?

Example answer: One magical detail in this chapter is that things in Mo do not work the way they do in the real world. That makes the story feel playful and surprising instead of serious. I think Baum wants readers to enjoy using their imaginations. The impossible part helped me feel like anything could happen next.

How to Answer (continued)

What do you predict might happen next in Mo, based only on clues from this chapter? Explain which details made you think of that prediction.

Example answer: I predict that the characters will have another strange problem to solve in Mo. The chapter made the land seem full of surprises, so I do not think things will stay calm for long. I also noticed that the characters often react in unusual ways, which makes me think the next adventure might be funny as well as dangerous.

So far, what does this book seem to suggest about using power or being a ruler? Use the Monarch of Mo or another character from the chapter in your answer.

Example answer: So far, I think the book shows that being powerful does not always mean being serious. The Monarch of Mo has an important position, but the story around him can still be silly and magical. This makes me think Baum is showing rulers in a funny way. A good ruler in this kind of story needs imagination, not just authority.

Chapter 1

After reading this chapter, what is one important thing you learned about the magical land of Mo? Use details from the chapter to explain what makes Mo different from an ordinary place.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 13

What is one lesson or big idea a reader could take from this chapter? Explain how the events in Mo helped you think about that idea.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

So far, how would you describe the Monarch of Mo? Choose two character traits and support each one with something he says, does, or decides.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 3

What problem, surprise, or challenge appears in this chapter? Explain how the characters respond to it and whether their response seems wise, silly, brave, or something else.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 12

If you could change one part of this chapter, what would you change? Explain how your change might make the story more exciting, clearer, or more fair.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 11

What choice does a character make in this chapter? Explain what you think motivated that choice and what it shows about the character.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

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New word I learned:

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Chapter 5

Pick an interesting word or phrase from this chapter. What do you think it means, and how do the surrounding sentences help you figure it out?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 10

Think about the setting in this chapter. How does the land of Mo help create the adventure, problem, or magic that the characters experience?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

How does this chapter mix danger or conflict with humor? Give one example of something that could be serious and one example of something that feels funny or surprising.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

Which character in this chapter would you most want to talk to? Explain what you would ask that character and why.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

So far, what does this book seem to suggest about using power or being a ruler? Use the Monarch of Mo or another character from the chapter in your answer.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 8

What do you predict might happen next in Mo, based only on clues from this chapter? Explain which details made you think of that prediction.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?
