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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

The Maze Runner

Author:

James Dashner

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.

Why does Thomas run into the Maze after Minho and Alby, even though he knows it is against the rules?

Example answer: I think Thomas runs into the Maze because he cannot just watch Minho and Alby get trapped outside. He is scared, but he also feels that helping people is more important than protecting himself. This shows that Thomas is brave and acts quickly in a crisis. Even though he breaks a rule, his reason is to save lives.

How to Answer (continued)

What happens when supplies stop coming, and how does this make the situation more dangerous?

Example answer: When supplies stop coming, the Gladers cannot count on food and tools the way they used to. I think this makes everyone feel more worried because their whole system depends on those supplies. It also means they may not be able to stay in the Glade much longer. The danger feels bigger because they have fewer choices.

What does Chuck's choice to save Thomas teach about friendship and sacrifice?

Example answer: Chuck's choice teaches me that real friendship can mean putting someone else first. He saves Thomas even though it costs him everything. This moment made me feel sad because Chuck was young and kind. It also shows that he was much braver than he seemed at the beginning.

Chapter 1

When Thomas wakes up in the dark box, what details help you understand how confused and scared he feels?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 62

After the ending, what do you predict will happen next to Thomas, Teresa, and the other Gladers?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 61

How does Thomas react after the escape, and why are his feelings so complicated?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

What do you learn about the boys in the Glade when Thomas first meets them, and how do they treat him?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 3

The word Glade means an open space. Why do you think the boys use this word for the place where they live?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 60

Do you think it was right for the Creators to test children in such a dangerous way? Explain your opinion.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 59

What do Thomas and the others learn about the people who created the Maze?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

Why are rules important in the Glade, and what might happen if the boys did not follow them?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

What is your first opinion of Chuck? What does he do that makes you feel that way?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 58

What does Chuck’s choice to save Thomas teach about friendship and sacrifice?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 57

How does Chuck show bravery near the end of the story?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

How do the huge Maze doors change the mood of the story when they close for the night?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

Thomas remembers almost nothing about himself. What do you predict he will discover about his past?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 56

What happens when the Gladers fight their way through the Maze, and how do they help one another?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 55

Who do you predict will show the most courage during the escape, and why?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 8

How would you describe Gally in these early chapters? Use details from his words or actions.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

The Gladers use many made-up slang words. How does their special language make the Glade feel like its own world?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 54

What do the Gladers do on the night before the escape, and how do these actions build suspense?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 53

How does Teresa help the group as they prepare to escape?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 10

What jobs do the boys have in the Glade, and why does each job seem important?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 11

Would you want to be a Runner if you lived in the Glade? Explain your reasons.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 52

What is your opinion of the escape plan through the Griever Hole? Is it smart, risky, or both?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 51

How do the code words help the Gladers understand what they need to do next?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 12

What happens when Ben attacks Thomas, and what does this event show about life in the Glade?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 13

Fear is a big part of the story so far. How do different characters handle fear in different ways?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 50

The name WICKED sounds frightening, but the phrase says it is good. What do you think this confusing name might mean?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 49

What does the story suggest about truth when characters learn that some of their memories were hidden from them?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 14

What do Alby’s choices during Ben’s punishment tell you about him as a leader?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 15

A girl arrives with a strange message saying she is the last one. What questions does this raise for you?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 48

What memories or clues does Thomas gain after going through the Changing?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 47

Why does Thomas decide to get stung on purpose, and what does this show about his bravery?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 16

Why is Thomas so interested in the girl, even before he fully understands who she is?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 17

The Changing sounds painful and frightening.
What do you think this word means in the story,
based on what characters say?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 46

What do you predict the Gladers will do to stop
the Grievors from taking one of them each night?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 45

What pattern do the Grievors begin to follow, and how does it change the choices the Gladers must make?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 18

Thomas often feels a strong pull toward the Maze. What does this show about his personality?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 19

What do Minho and Alby find in the Maze, and why is this discovery so surprising?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 44

Gally gives a warning about Thomas. Why might some Gladers believe him, and why might others not believe him?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 43

Where do you see hope in the story, even when the Gladers are facing serious problems?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 20

What do you predict the dead Griever might mean for the Gladers and their future?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 21

Why does Thomas run into the Maze after Minho and Alby, even though he knows it is against the rules?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 42

What happens when supplies stop coming, and how does this make the situation more dangerous?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 41

The Gladers search for a code in the maps. What does the word code mean, and why might a code be useful?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 22

Do you think Thomas made the right choice by breaking the rule and entering the Maze? Why or why not?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 23

How does Minho react when things seem hopeless in the Maze, and what does that show about him?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 40

How would you feel if the safe routines in your home suddenly stopped working like they do in the Glade?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 39

What changes in the sky or weather make the Gladers realize their world is no longer working the same way?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 24

What plan does Thomas use to help protect Alby during the night in the Maze?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 25

How do Thomas and Minho work together to survive the Grievers?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 38

How does Thomas and Teresa’s unusual way of communicating affect their relationship?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 37

What do you predict the Cliff or the Griever Hole might have to do with escaping the Maze?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 26

After surviving a night in the Maze, how does Thomas seem different to the other Gladers?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 27

What consequences does Thomas face for going into the Maze, and why do the leaders think consequences matter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 36

Why are the maps so important, and what do they show about the Gladers' patience and hard work?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 35

What kind of teacher is Minho? Give examples of how he trains Thomas.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 28

Do you think the Keepers treat Thomas fairly after he survives the Maze? Explain your thinking.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 29

Why does Thomas want to become a Runner so badly, and what does this goal reveal about him?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 34

What does Thomas learn during his first Runner training, and why is the job harder than he expected?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 33

How do the Gladers react when their normal life starts to break apart, and what does this show about them?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 30

How do Newt and Minho support Thomas, even when other boys do not trust him?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 31

What strange things happen with the girl, and how do they make the mystery deeper?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 32

The girl says that everything is going to change. What do you think the word change means for the Gladers now?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?
