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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

The Mouse and the Motorcycle

Author:

Beverly Cleary

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.

In Chapter 4, how does Keith show that he is different from the other humans Ralph has seen? What does this reveal about Keith's character?

Example answer: I think Keith shows he is different because he listens to Ralph instead of just being scared or trying to hurt him. He treats Ralph like someone who can think and feel. This shows that Keith is kind, curious, and fair. He is willing to make a friend even when that friend is a mouse.

How to Answer (continued)

In Chapter 7, the vacuum cleaner becomes a danger to Ralph and the motorcycle. How does this scene build suspense for the reader?

Example answer: This scene builds suspense because the vacuum cleaner is huge and powerful compared to Ralph. I kept wondering if the motorcycle would be ruined or if Ralph would get caught. The danger feels close because Ralph cannot just explain everything to the humans. It makes the reader want to keep reading to see if he can fix the problem.

In Chapter 12, Ralph goes on an errand of mercy. Why is this errand brave, and what risks does Ralph take to help Keith?

Example answer: Ralph's errand is brave because he is small, but he still goes out to help Keith when Keith is sick. He risks being seen by people, getting lost, or being hurt while he searches for what Keith needs. I think Ralph proves that he is not just thinking about fun anymore. He is acting like a true friend.

Chapter 1

In Chapter 1, what do Keith and his family notice about the hotel, and how does Ralph react when he sees Keith's toy motorcycle?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 13

In Chapter 13, Keith writes about Ralph for a composition. If you were Keith, what would you say was the most important thing Ralph did, and why?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

In Chapter 2, why do you think the motorcycle is so exciting to Ralph? Use details from the chapter to explain your thinking.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 3

In Chapter 3, Ralph gets into serious trouble.
What problem does he face, and how does he try to handle it?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 12

In Chapter 12, Ralph goes on an errand of mercy.
Why is this errand brave, and what risks does Ralph take to help Keith?

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Chapter 11

In Chapter 11, choose one important word from the chapter, such as search, anxious, or responsibility. What does the word mean, and how does it connect to what happens in the story?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

In Chapter 4, how does Keith show that he is different from the other humans Ralph has seen? What does this reveal about Keith's character?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

In Chapter 5, predict what might happen if Ralph keeps riding the motorcycle at night. What clues in the story support your prediction?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 10

In Chapter 10, Keith becomes sick and Ralph has an anxious night. How do Ralph's feelings show that he truly cares about Keith?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

In Chapter 9, what does it mean that Ralph 'takes command'? Give an example of how Ralph acts more responsible in this chapter.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

In Chapter 6, the peanut butter sandwich causes problems for Ralph and his family. What lesson do you think Ralph learns from this situation?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

In Chapter 7, the vacuum cleaner becomes a danger to Ralph and the motorcycle. How does this scene build suspense for the reader?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 8

In Chapter 8, Ralph has to deal with his relatives and their opinions. How do his family members affect his choices?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?
