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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

The Phantom Tollbooth

Author:

Norton Juster

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.

Chapter 3: In Dictionopolis, words are treated like valuable things. How does this change the way you think about words and how people use them?

Example answer: This chapter makes me think that words are powerful, not just something people say without thinking. In Dictionopolis, people buy and sell words like they are important treasures. That reminds me that the words I choose can help, hurt, explain, or confuse. I think Milo is starting to learn that paying attention to words can make life more interesting.

Chapter 20

Chapter 20: After Milo comes home, he sees his own world differently. How has Milo changed from the beginning of the book, and what can readers learn from his journey?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 19

Chapter 19: When Rhyme and Reason return, the land begins to change. What message does this chapter give about solving problems with both wisdom and fairness?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

How to Answer (continued)

Chapter 13: Milo, Tock, and the Humbug jump to Conclusions and then have trouble getting back. What does the phrase “jumping to conclusions” mean, and how does the chapter make that idea real?

Example answer: “Jumping to conclusions” means deciding something too quickly before you have enough facts. The book makes this idea real by turning Conclusions into an actual place that Milo and his friends jump to. I thought that was clever because it shows how easy it is to get stuck after making a quick judgment. It teaches me to slow down and think before I decide what is true.

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Example answer: At the beginning, Milo is bored and thinks almost everything is a waste of time. By the end, he notices how interesting his own world is and wants to explore it. I think his journey teaches readers that learning can be exciting if you are curious. It also shows that imagination can help us see ordinary things in a new way.

Chapter 1

Chapter 1: Milo feels bored with everything at the beginning of the story. Why do you think he feels this way, and what might help him become more interested in the world around him?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 18

Chapter 18: Milo, Tock, and the Humbug finally reach the Castle in the Air. What qualities help them succeed in rescuing Rhyme and Reason?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 17

Chapter 17: The demons each try to stop Milo, Tock, and the Humbug in different ways. Which demon do you think is the most dangerous, and why?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

Chapter 2: When Milo drives through the tollbooth and reaches Expectations, he enters a very different kind of place. What details show that this journey will not be ordinary?

New word I learned:

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Chapter 3

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New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 16

Chapter 16: The Terrible Trivium tries to distract the travelers with tiny, useless tasks. Why can small distractions be dangerous when someone has an important goal?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 15

Chapter 15: In Digitopolis, Milo meets the Mathemagician and learns about numbers, infinity, and ideas that are hard to measure. What part of this chapter stretched your thinking the most?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

Chapter 4: The marketplace becomes confusing when words get mixed up and thrown around. What lesson do you think this chapter teaches about choosing words carefully?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

Chapter 5: Milo meets Officer Shrift and gets into trouble very quickly. How is the idea of “justice” in this chapter silly or unfair, and what makes it funny?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 14

Chapter 14: The Dodecahedron has twelve faces and thinks numbers are just as important as words. How does this chapter show that math can be useful and interesting?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 13

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New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

Chapter 6: Faintly Macabre tells Milo about Rhyme and Reason and the argument between the two kings. Why are Rhyme and Reason important to the land?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

Chapter 7: At the royal banquet, Milo learns that people can “eat their words.” What is funny or surprising about this scene, and what do you think the author is trying to show?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 12

Chapter 12: The Valley of Sound has become silent because people stopped appreciating sounds. What sounds in your own life would you miss the most, and why?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 11

Chapter 11: Dr. Dischord and the DYNNE seem to enjoy unpleasant sounds. How does this chapter show the difference between noise and music?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 8

Chapter 8: The Humbug joins Milo and Tock on their quest. What kind of character is the Humbug, and how might he help or hurt the group?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

Chapter 9: Alec Bings sees things differently from Milo because of where he grows from. What does this chapter suggest about point of view?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 10

Chapter 10: Chroma the Great conducts the colors of the world like a symphony. How does this chapter help you imagine the importance of color and creativity?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?
