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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

The Puppy Place Molly

Author:

Ellen Miles

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.

Based on a clue in this chapter, what do you predict will happen next? Explain how the clue supports your prediction.

Example answer: If a chapter ended with a character refusing help, I might predict that the character will need someone else's support later. Refusing help could be a clue that the character wants to handle everything alone. I would expect a difficult problem to test that choice. As I kept reading, I would look for signs that the character's attitude was changing.

How to Answer (continued)

What advice would you give a character at this point in the story? Explain why your advice might help.

Example answer: If a character were worried about making a mistake, I would suggest taking one small step first. I think a small step can make a big problem feel less frightening. I would also remind the character that asking for help is not the same as giving up. This advice could help the character feel brave enough to try.

What lesson about life could a reader take from this chapter? Explain how a character's actions or experiences support that lesson.

Example answer: If a character kept trying after a setback, I would see a lesson about not giving up too quickly. I think trying again matters even when success is not certain. I would support my idea by describing what the character did differently on the next attempt. To me, that would show that persistence means learning, not just repeating the same action.

Chapter 1

What is the most important thing that happens in this chapter? Explain how it affects a character or changes the situation.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 10

What important question has this chapter answered, and what are you still wondering? Explain why those answers and questions matter to your understanding of the story.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

Which part of this chapter made you feel the strongest emotion? Describe the part and explain how the author's writing helped create that feeling.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

Which choice does a character make in this chapter, and what does that choice help you understand about the character?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 3

Based on a clue in this chapter, what do you predict will happen next? Explain how the clue supports your prediction.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 8

What lesson about life could a reader take from this chapter? Explain how a character's actions or experiences support that lesson.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

Describe a moment in this chapter that brings two characters closer together or pushes them apart. What does it show about their relationship?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

How does the setting affect what happens in this chapter? Describe a detail about the time or place that matters.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

Find a word in this chapter that is unfamiliar or used in an interesting way. What do you think it means, and which nearby words or details help you figure it out?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

What advice would you give a character at this point in the story? Explain why your advice might help.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?
