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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

The Rainbow Fish

Author:

Marcus Pfister

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 2: When the little blue fish asks for one shiny scale, why do you think Rainbow Fish says no? What does this show about his character at that moment?

Example answer: I think Rainbow Fish says no because he is very proud of his shiny scales and does not want to lose what makes him special. He seems to care more about looking beautiful than about being kind to the little blue fish. This shows that, at that moment, he is selfish and maybe afraid to share. He has not learned yet that friendship can matter more than being admired.

How to Answer (continued)

Chapter 4: The wise octopus tells Rainbow Fish to give away his shiny scales. What lesson or theme do you think the octopus is trying to teach him?

Example answer: I think the octopus is trying to teach Rainbow Fish that sharing can bring happiness. Rainbow Fish thinks his scales are the only thing that makes him important, but the octopus wants him to see that kindness is more valuable. The lesson is that being generous can help you make friends. I think the story shows that happiness grows when we share it with others.

Chapter 6: Do you think Rainbow Fish makes the right choice by sharing his scales? Why or why not? Use details from the story to support your opinion.

Example answer: I think Rainbow Fish makes the right choice because sharing helps him become happier and less lonely. At first, he keeps all his shiny scales and the other fish do not want to be near him. After he gives some scales away, the fish include him and he feels joy. In my opinion, having friends is better than keeping something beautiful all to yourself.

Chapter 1

Chapter 1: What makes Rainbow Fish different from the other fish, and how do the other fish react to him at the beginning of the story?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

Chapter 6: Do you think Rainbow Fish makes the right choice by sharing his scales? Why or why not? Use details from the story to support your opinion.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

Chapter 5: The word “admired” means to be looked at with wonder or respect. How does Rainbow Fish’s feeling about being admired change as the story goes on?

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Chapter 2

Chapter 2: When the little blue fish asks for one shiny scale, why do you think Rainbow Fish says no? What does this show about his character at that moment?

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Chapter 3

Chapter 3: After the other fish stop wanting to be around Rainbow Fish, what do you predict he will do next, and why?

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Chapter 4

Chapter 4: The wise octopus tells Rainbow Fish to give away his shiny scales. What lesson or theme do you think the octopus is trying to teach him?

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