

## How to print this booklet

---

Open the PDF, choose Print, and set these:

|                            |                                        |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| <b>Paper size</b>          | US Letter (8.5 × 11 in)                |
| <b>Orientation</b>         | Landscape                              |
| <b>Print on both sides</b> | On (two-sided / duplex)                |
| <b>Flip on</b>             | Short edge                             |
| <b>Scale</b>               | 100% / Actual size — not “Fit to page” |
| <b>Pages</b>               | All                                    |

### THEN

1. Take the whole stack out of the printer. Keep the sheets in order.
2. Fold the stack in half, so this page is on the outside.
3. Staple twice along the fold.



Make another at [didtheyreallyread.com](http://didtheyreallyread.com)

# Reading Journal

---

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

**Reader:**

---

**Book Title:**

The School for Thieves

---

**Author:**

Peter Burns

---

**Date Started:**

---

**Date Finished:**

---

*Keep reading. Keep wondering.*  
Created by [didtheyreallyread.com](http://didtheyreallyread.com)

# 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.

## If you faced a difficult choice like one in this chapter, what would help you decide what to do?

**Example answer:** I would think about who could be helped or hurt by my choice. I would also ask myself whether I was choosing something just because it was easy. If I still felt unsure, I would ask someone I trusted for advice. That would help me make a careful choice instead of rushing.

# Chapter 28

**Looking back at this chapter, what do you understand differently than you did before reading it? Explain what changed your thinking.**

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

-----  
**New word I learned:**

---

**What do you think it means?**

---

---

# Chapter 27

How does the author make this chapter interesting to read? Explain how one writing choice affects you as a reader.

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

-----  
New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

---

---

## How to Answer (continued)

**What advice would you offer a character about handling a problem in this chapter? Explain why your advice could help.**

**Example answer:** My advice would be to pause and think before taking action. I would suggest naming the problem and thinking of two possible ways to handle it. Then I would compare what might happen with each choice. This could help the character avoid making the problem worse by rushing.

**As you wait to see what happens next, what kind of clue will you watch for, and how could it help you check a prediction?**

**Example answer:** I will watch for a character doing something different from what they say they will do. That kind of clue could help me predict whether someone will keep a promise. I would also look for a reason for the difference, because changing a plan does not always mean someone is dishonest. I would change my prediction if new details pointed another way.

# Chapter 1

What is the most important event in this chapter, and how does it affect what happens next?

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

-----  
New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

---

---

# Chapter 26

As you wait to see what happens next, what kind of clue will you watch for, and how could it help you check a prediction?

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

-----  
New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

---

---

# Chapter 25

Which idea seems important in this chapter, such as courage, honesty, belonging, or responsibility? Explain how the chapter explores it.

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

-----  
New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

---

---

# Chapter 2

Which character do you learn the most about in this chapter? Explain what their words or actions show you.

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

-----  
New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

---

---

# Chapter 3

What do you predict will happen next, and which detail from this chapter supports your prediction?

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

-----  
New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

---

---

# Chapter 24

What advice would you offer a character about handling a problem in this chapter? Explain why your advice could help.

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

-----  
New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

---

---

# Chapter 23

Choose a line of dialogue, or a character's action if there is no dialogue. What does it suggest that the character is thinking but not saying?

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

-----  
New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

---

---

# Chapter 4

How does the setting affect what a character can do in this chapter?

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

-----  
New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

---

---

# Chapter 5

Choose an unfamiliar or interesting word from this chapter. What do you think it means, and what clues helped you?

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

-----  
New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

---

---

# Chapter 22

What does the reader know by the end of this chapter that they did not know at the beginning? Explain why that information matters.

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

-----  
New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

---

---

# Chapter 21

How does this chapter connect to something you have experienced, read, or seen? Describe both a similarity and a difference.

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

-----  
New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

---

---

# Chapter 6

Which decision in this chapter do you agree or disagree with? Explain your reasons.

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

-----  
New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

---

---

# Chapter 7

What problem needs attention in this chapter, and what makes it difficult to solve?

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

-----  
New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

---

---

# Chapter 20

Which action in this chapter seems fair or unfair? Explain what makes you see it that way.

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

-----  
New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

---

---

# Chapter 19

What word would you choose to describe the mood of this chapter? Explain what that word means and why it could fit.

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

-----  
New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

---

---

# Chapter 8

If you faced a difficult choice like one in this chapter, what would help you decide what to do?

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

-----  
New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

---

---

# Chapter 9

How does a character's mood change during this chapter? Describe what causes the change.

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

-----  
New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

---

---

# Chapter 18

Suppose a character made a different choice in this chapter. How might the next part of the story change?

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

-----  
New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

---

---

# Chapter 17

What does a character seem to want most in this chapter, and how can you tell?

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

-----  
New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

---

---

# Chapter 10

What question are you left wondering about at the end of this chapter, and what is your best guess about its answer?

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

-----  
New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

---

---

# Chapter 11

Which small detail seems worth remembering?  
Explain why it might matter.

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

-----  
New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

---

---

# Chapter 16

Retell this chapter in three important steps.  
Explain how one step leads to another.

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

-----  
New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

---

---

# Chapter 15

Where would you pause this chapter to talk with a friend about it, and what would you discuss?

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

-----  
New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

---

---

# Chapter 12

What might this chapter teach readers about treating other people? Use a moment from the chapter to explain your thinking.

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

-----  
New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

---

---

# Chapter 13

Describe how two characters get along in this chapter. What helps or hurts their relationship?

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

-----  
New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

---

---

# Chapter 14

Find a sentence that helps you picture something clearly. Which words make the picture strong?

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

-----  
New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

---

---