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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

The Secret Astronomers

Author:

Jessica Walker

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.

How would you describe the mood of this chapter? Use a detail from the text to explain your answer.

Example answer: If a chapter described an empty hallway and a sudden noise, I might call the mood spooky. I would picture the character listening carefully and wondering what was nearby. The sudden noise would make me feel nervous because its cause was unknown. Those details would help explain my choice of the word spooky.

How to Answer (continued)

Find a strong action word in this chapter. What does it mean, and how would the sentence feel different with a less exciting word?

Example answer: If I found the word dashed in my chapter, I would explain that it means moved very quickly. I would picture someone running with a reason to hurry. Changing dashed to went would make the action feel slower and less exciting. I think the stronger word would help me imagine the movement more clearly.

If you could reread only one part of this chapter, which part would you choose and why?

Example answer: If my chapter included a difficult choice, I would reread the moment just before the character decided. I would look closely at what the character said and thought. That could help me understand why one choice seemed better than another. I might also notice a clue I missed the first time.

Chapter 1

Which event in this chapter seems most important, and why does it matter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 38

Create a new title for this chapter. How does your title capture its most important event or idea?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 37

Where would you pause this chapter to make a reader eager to continue? Explain what they would be wondering.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

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

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 3

What do a character's words or actions show about their personality?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 36

What idea about making choices can you explore through this chapter? Explain how a character's actions connect to that idea.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 35

How might another character describe an event in this chapter differently?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

Based on a clue in this chapter, what do you predict will happen next?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

Which word in this chapter was new or interesting to you? Explain what you think it means and which clues helped you.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 34

Which word or phrase helps set the mood? Explain its meaning and why it fits the scene.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 33

What object, place, or activity seems meaningful to a character in this chapter? Explain what makes it special.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

What choice in this chapter do you agree or disagree with, and why?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

How would you describe the mood of this chapter? Use a detail from the text to explain your answer.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 32

If you could reread only one part of this chapter, which part would you choose and why?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 31

How does the author help you understand a character's feelings without simply naming those feelings?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 8

What does a character want in this chapter, and what makes it hard to get?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

Which moment might teach readers something about life? Explain the possible lesson.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 30

What obstacle could make a character's next step difficult? Use something from this chapter to support your prediction.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 29

Which event would you include in a short summary of this chapter, and which detail would you leave out? Explain your choices.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 10

What question would you ask a character about something they did in this chapter, and why?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 11

How does one event in this chapter cause another event?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 28

What does this chapter show about what a character believes is important?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 27

How does a character's behavior compare with their behavior earlier in the story? If this is the first chapter, compare their behavior at its beginning and end.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 12

What do you think a character will try next, and what makes that prediction reasonable?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 13

Choose a word that describes a character's feelings. What happened in this chapter to make that word fit?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 26

Which part of this chapter would you most like to discuss with a friend, and what would you want to talk about?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 25

Choose a sentence that is tricky to understand.
How would you explain its meaning in your own words?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 14

How does a conversation—or the choice not to speak—affect what happens in this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 15

What part of this chapter reminded you of your own life, another book, or something you know about the world?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 24

What small detail might become important later, and how do you think it could matter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 23

Which character seems to have the most control in this chapter? Explain what gives them that control.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 16

Which detail helps you picture a place, person, or object? Explain how the author's words help you imagine it.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 17

Where do you notice a character struggling with a problem, and how do they respond?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 22

How might the story change if this chapter happened in a different place or time?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 21

What is one thing you learn in this chapter, and what is one thing you still wonder about?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 18

What does this chapter suggest about treating other people? Support your idea with a detail.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 19

Find a strong action word in this chapter. What does it mean, and how would the sentence feel different with a less exciting word?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 20

If you could give one character advice at this point, what would you say and why?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?
