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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

The Sherlock Society

Author:

James Ponti

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.

After Chapter 8, how does the book show that solving a mystery takes patience instead of just guessing?

Example answer: I think the book shows patience by having the characters slow down and look for real clues. The Sherlock Society cannot just pick the easiest answer and decide it is true. They need to compare ideas and think about what the evidence actually shows. That makes the mystery feel more realistic to me.

Chapter 64

After Chapter 64, how satisfying was the ending for you, and what final message did you take from the book?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 63

After Chapter 63, what do you think the author wants readers to notice about solving mysteries or working together?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

How to Answer (continued)

After Chapter 33, what lesson about teamwork can readers learn from Alex, Zoe, Lina, and Yadi?

Example answer: Readers can learn that a good team needs different kinds of people. Alex, Zoe, Lina, and Yadi do not all have to think the same way to be helpful. When they listen to one another, their separate strengths can fit together. I think the chapter shows that teamwork is not just being together, but working together.

After Chapter 52, what do you think the title The Sherlock Society means now that you are this far into the story?

Example answer: To me, The Sherlock Society means more than just a name for a detective group. It shows that the characters are choosing to act like real investigators by asking questions and following clues. The word "society" also makes it feel like they belong to something together. I think the title connects to friendship as much as it connects to mystery.

Chapter 1

After Chapter 1, what do you understand so far about Alex Sherlock and the kind of mystery he is becoming involved in?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 62

After Chapter 62, how do the characters show responsibility for their choices and actions?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 61

After Chapter 61, what is one problem that still needs to be solved, and what steps might solve it?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

After Chapter 2, how does Zoe Sherlock add something important to the group or to the way the mystery is being handled?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 3

After Chapter 3, what part of the Miami setting stands out most to you, and how does it make the story feel more interesting?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 60

After Chapter 60, how does the mood of the story feel as the ending gets closer?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 59

After Chapter 59, what detail from an earlier chapter seems more important now, and why?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

After Chapter 4, what is one clue or detail you think might matter later, and why did it catch your attention?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

After Chapter 5, how would you describe the teamwork among Alex, Zoe, Lina, and Yadi so far?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 58

After Chapter 58, how are the characters showing what they have learned from earlier parts of the investigation?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 57

After Chapter 57, what do you predict will be revealed before the book ends, and what evidence points that way?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

After Chapter 6, what is one question you have about the mystery, and what information would help answer it?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

After Chapter 7, which character seems the most careful or observant, and what makes you think that?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 56

After Chapter 56, what theme, such as courage, family, teamwork, or curiosity, seems strongest in this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 55

After Chapter 55, how does the author keep the mystery fair by giving readers clues they can think about too?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 8

After Chapter 8, how does the book show that solving a mystery takes patience instead of just guessing?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

After Chapter 9, what is one choice a character makes that you agree or disagree with, and why?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 54

After Chapter 54, what is one decision the group must make, and what are the possible consequences?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 53

After Chapter 53, how has your opinion of one character changed since the beginning, and what caused the change?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 10

After Chapter 10, what new information changes how you think about the problem the Sherlock Society is trying to solve?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 11

After Chapter 11, how does Grandpa’s knowledge or experience help the young detectives so far?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 52

After Chapter 52, what do you think the title The Sherlock Society means now that you are this far into the story?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 51

After Chapter 51, what is one vocabulary word from the chapter that seems important, and how can you figure out its meaning from context?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 12

After Chapter 12, what word or phrase from this chapter helped you picture the scene, and what did it make you imagine?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 13

After Chapter 13, what do you think is motivating Alex right now: curiosity, friendship, family, adventure, or something else?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 50

After Chapter 50, how does the story show that friendship can be important during a difficult investigation?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 49

After Chapter 49, what mistake or setback could actually help the characters learn something useful?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 14

After Chapter 14, how has Zoe shown leadership, courage, or clever thinking so far?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 15

After Chapter 15, what is one moment that made you feel suspense, surprise, or excitement, and how did the author create that feeling?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 48

After Chapter 48, how does this chapter make you feel about the answer to the mystery being close or still far away?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 47

After Chapter 47, what clue would you want to examine more closely if you were part of the Sherlock Society?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 16

After Chapter 16, how are Lina and Yadi important to the Sherlock Society instead of just being helpers in the background?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 17

After Chapter 17, what do you predict the group will investigate next, and what clues support your prediction?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 46

After Chapter 46, how does Zoe’s role in the investigation compare with Alex’s role?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 45

After Chapter 45, what is one character trait that has helped Alex so far, and when has it helped him?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 18

After Chapter 18, how does the story connect the past with the present?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 19

After Chapter 19, what problem is the team facing that cannot be solved by one person alone?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 44

After Chapter 44, how does the author slow down or speed up the action, and what effect does that have on you as a reader?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 43

After Chapter 43, what do you think is the biggest danger or challenge facing the Sherlock Society right now?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 20

After Chapter 20, what have you learned about Alex’s strengths and weaknesses as a detective?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 21

After Chapter 21, how does the author make you wonder whom or what the characters should trust?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 42

After Chapter 42, how does the group use different kinds of thinking, such as research, logic, memory, or creativity?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 41

After Chapter 41, what is one connection you can make between this mystery and another mystery story you have read or watched?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 22

After Chapter 22, what is one example of a character using evidence instead of jumping to conclusions?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 23

After Chapter 23, how does the chapter build your understanding of the mystery’s stakes, or why the mystery matters?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 40

After Chapter 40, how does the chapter make you think about honesty, secrets, or trust?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 39

After Chapter 39, what is one possible red herring, or detail that might be meant to distract the reader?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 24

After Chapter 24, what is something about Miami’s history, places, or atmosphere that seems important to the book?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 25

After Chapter 25, which character would you want as a partner in solving a mystery, and what qualities would make them useful?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 38

After Chapter 38, what do you notice about the way the characters talk to one another when they disagree?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 37

After Chapter 37, how does a character show persistence when the investigation becomes difficult?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 26

After Chapter 26, what confusing part of the mystery do you hope gets explained soon?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 27

After Chapter 27, how has the relationship between the Sherlock siblings changed or stayed the same so far?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 36

After Chapter 36, what is one risk the Sherlock Society takes, and do you think it is worth it?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 35

After Chapter 35, how does the author make the clues feel connected instead of random?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 28

After Chapter 28, what does this chapter suggest about being brave even when you are unsure?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 29

After Chapter 29, what object, place, message, or conversation from the chapter seemed most important, and why?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 34

After Chapter 34, what do you think a character is not saying out loud, and what clues make you think that?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 33

After Chapter 33, what lesson about teamwork can readers learn from Alex, Zoe, Lina, and Yadi?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 30

After Chapter 30, how does James Ponti use humor, action, or dialogue to keep the story fun?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 31

After Chapter 31, what is one thing the detectives did well, and one thing they may need to improve?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 32

After Chapter 32, how does the mystery feel different now than it did near the beginning of the book?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?
