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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

The Trouble with Heroes

Author:

Kate Messner

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.

If you could give Finn advice after this chapter, what would you say to him and why?

Example answer: I would tell Finn to slow down before he lets anger or embarrassment choose for him. Sometimes he seems like he wants to protect himself by acting like he does not care. I would remind him that accepting help does not make him weak. It might actually help him move forward.

Chapter 48

After finishing this chapter, what is the biggest idea you think the author wants readers to carry forward?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 47

What did this chapter teach about making amends or trying to repair harm?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

How to Answer (continued)

What lesson about grief, loss, or healing does this chapter seem to suggest?

Example answer: This chapter made me think that healing is not quick or simple. A person can still feel upset while also taking a small step in the right direction. Finn's feelings seem messy, but that makes him feel real. I think the book is showing that people heal little by little.

What did this chapter add to your understanding of what it means to be brave?

Example answer: This chapter helped me see that bravery is not only doing something huge or dangerous. It can also mean telling the truth, keeping going when you are tired, or facing a feeling you want to avoid. Finn may not always feel brave, but he keeps having to face hard things. That makes bravery seem more like a choice than a perfect personality trait.

Chapter 1

What is the most important thing Finn does, learns, or realizes in this chapter, and why does it matter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 46

What connection can you make between this chapter and your own life, another book, or the world?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 45

How does Messner help you understand Finn's thoughts or feelings without simply telling you?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

How does the Adirondack setting affect the mood of this chapter? Use one detail from the chapter in your answer.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 3

Which choice Finn makes in this chapter shows what he is feeling inside? Explain your thinking.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 44

What decision from this chapter might affect what happens next?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 43

What emotion did you feel most while reading this chapter, and what caused it?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

What new information did you learn about Finn, his situation, or the people around him in this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

How does this chapter show that the word hero can mean different things to different people?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 42

How do different people in this chapter seem to define being a hero?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 41

What problem is still unsolved at the end of this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

Pick one challenging word or phrase from this chapter. What do you think it means, and what clues helped you figure it out?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

If you could give Finn advice after this chapter, what would you say to him and why?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 40

Which line or description would you reread because it helped you understand the story better?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 39

How might Finn's past shape the way he acts in this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 8

Based on what happened in this chapter, what do you predict Finn might do next?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

How do the people around Finn react to him in this chapter? What do their reactions tell you?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 38

What did this chapter add to your understanding of what it means to be brave?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 37

What object, place, or action in this chapter seems like it could stand for a bigger idea?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 10

Describe a moment of conflict in this chapter. Is it a conflict between people, inside a character, or with nature?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 11

What detail in this chapter helped you picture the trail, the mountains, or another important place?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 36

How did the pace of this chapter feel to you: slow, fast, tense, calm, or something else? Explain.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 35

What would you ask Kate Messner about this chapter if you could interview her?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 12

How does Finn's view of himself seem to change, even a little, in this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 13

Which sentence, moment, or image from this chapter felt especially powerful to you? Explain why it stood out.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 34

Where do you notice hope in this chapter, even if things are still hard?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 33

What memory, thought, or feeling seems to affect Finn's actions in this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 14

What responsibility does Finn face in this chapter? How does he handle it?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 15

How does Kate Messner make hiking or being outdoors feel real in this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 32

Which relationship changes in this chapter, even a little? Describe the change.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 31

What does this chapter teach you about mountains, nature, or outdoor challenges?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 16

What is one question you still have after reading this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 17

Compare Finn at the beginning of this chapter with Finn at the end. What changed?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 30

How does Finn respond when something is difficult in this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 29

What seems fair or unfair in this chapter? Tell why you feel that way.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 18

What lesson about grief, loss, or healing does this chapter seem to suggest?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 19

How does a conversation in this chapter reveal something important about a character?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 28

If this chapter had a signpost or trail marker, what would it say? Explain your idea.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 27

How does this chapter show that choices can have consequences?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 20

What small clue in this chapter might become important later? Why do you think so?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 21

Which character seems most helpful to Finn in this chapter? What makes you think that?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 26

Choose one word that describes Finn in this chapter. What evidence supports your word?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 25

What surprised you most in this chapter, and how did it change your thinking?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 22

How does this chapter connect to the title The Trouble with Heroes?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 23

What is something Finn may misunderstand in this chapter? What might he need to learn?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 24

What do you think the author wants readers to notice or think about in this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?
