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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

The Truth About Stacey

Author:

Ann M. Martin

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 does Stacey seem to feel about having diabetes so far? Use details from the chapter to explain your thinking.

Example answer: I think Stacey feels worried and embarrassed about having diabetes. She does not want everyone to know because she is afraid they might treat her differently. She also seems tired of the way her illness makes her life more complicated. This helps me understand why keeping the truth feels so important to her.

Chapter 15

After reading this chapter, what do you think Stacey needs most from her friends and family? Use evidence from the story so far.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

How to Answer (continued)

How does the Baby-sitters Club work together in this chapter? What does their teamwork tell you about the girls?

Example answer: The Baby-sitters Club works together by sharing ideas and trying to solve problems as a group. Each girl has her own personality, but they all care about making the club successful. Their teamwork shows that they are responsible and loyal to one another. It also shows why Stacey wants to be part of the club.

What lesson about honesty or trust is beginning to appear in the story? How do Stacey's choices connect to that lesson?

Example answer: A lesson I see so far is that telling the truth can be hard, especially when you are afraid of what people will think. Stacey wants to trust her friends, but she also wants to protect herself from being hurt. Her choices show that secrets can make friendships more complicated. I think the story is showing that trust takes courage.

Chapter 1

So far, what do you understand about Stacey and the secret she is keeping? Why do you think it matters so much to her?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 14

What part of this chapter made you feel curious, surprised, worried, or happy? Explain what happened and why it stood out to you.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 13

Pick one character from this chapter besides Stacey. What is that character like, and how does the character affect Stacey or the club?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

How does Stacey seem to feel about having diabetes so far? Use details from the chapter to explain your thinking.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 3

What have you learned about Stacey's parents and how they handle her illness? How do their choices affect Stacey?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 12

How do adults in the story, such as Stacey's parents or doctors, treat Stacey so far? Do you think they listen to her enough? Explain your opinion.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 11

What lesson about honesty or trust is beginning to appear in the story? How do Stacey's choices connect to that lesson?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

How do the members of the Baby-sitters Club show friendship in this chapter? Which friend seems most helpful or understanding, and why?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

So far, what problem or conflict feels most important in the story? Explain what makes it difficult for Stacey or the club.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 10

How does Stacey respond when she feels embarrassed, worried, or frustrated? Do you think her response is understandable? Why or why not?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

What prediction can you make about Stacey's secret, her parents, or the Baby-sitters Club? What clues from the chapter support your prediction?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

Choose one word or phrase from this chapter that is important to the story, such as a word about diabetes, babysitting, or friendship. What do you think it means, and how does it help you understand the chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

What do you notice about Stacey's life in Stoneybrook compared with her life before she moved? How might being a new student change the way she acts?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 8

How does the Baby-sitters Club work together in this chapter? What does their teamwork tell you about the girls?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?
