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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

The Witch of Blackbird Pond

Author:

Elizabeth George Speare

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.

What has Kit learned so far about life in Wethersfield, Connecticut, and how is it different from the life she knew in Barbados?

Example answer: I think Kit has learned that Wethersfield is much stricter and plainer than Barbados. In Barbados, she was used to bright clothes, warmth, and more comfort. In Connecticut, people expect hard work and simple behavior. This makes Kit feel like she does not completely fit in yet.

How to Answer (continued)

What prediction can you make about Kit's future in Wethersfield? What clues from the story support your idea?

Example answer: I predict that Kit will keep having trouble fitting in, but she will also find people who understand her. She often acts differently from the people in Wethersfield, so that may cause more problems. Still, some characters seem to notice her good heart. I think those friendships will become important.

What theme, or big idea, seems most important so far: courage, prejudice, family, friendship, or independence? Explain your choice.

Example answer: I think prejudice is an important theme so far. Some people in the town judge others quickly because they look different, act different, or do not follow the same rules. Kit also gets judged because she is not used to Puritan ways. The book makes me think about how unfair it is to decide what someone is like before really knowing them.

Chapter 1

What has Kit learned so far about life in Wethersfield, Connecticut, and how is it different from the life she knew in Barbados?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 21

What theme, or big idea, seems most important so far: courage, prejudice, family, friendship, or independence? Explain your choice.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

Which character has made the strongest impression on you in this chapter, and what words or actions made you notice that person?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 3

How does Kit respond when people around her expect her to follow strict Puritan rules? Use details from the chapter to explain.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 20

What question do you still have about Kit, her family, or the town of Wethersfield after reading this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 19

If you could give advice to one character at this point in the story, who would you choose and what would you say?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

What is one problem Kit is facing right now, and what do you think makes that problem difficult for her?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

Choose an interesting or unfamiliar word from this chapter. What do you think it means, and how did the sentence help you figure it out?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 18

What conflict between freedom and rules do you see in this chapter? How does it affect Kit or another character?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 17

Which character do you think Kit trusts most right now, and what has that person done to earn or lose her trust?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

So far, how does Uncle Matthew show what he believes is right or wrong? Do you agree with him? Why or why not?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

What do you notice about the way Mercy treats other people? Give an example from what you have read so far.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 16

How does Prudence show fear, courage, or curiosity in the part of the book you have read?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 15

What is one moment in this chapter when a character is judged by appearances? What lesson might the author want readers to think about?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 8

How are Kit and Judith alike or different in the way they want others to see them?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

What prediction can you make about Kit’s future in Wethersfield? What clues from the story support your idea?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 14

Think about Hannah Tupper if she has appeared in your reading so far. How do other people’s opinions of her compare with what Kit notices?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 13

What role does religion or community opinion play in the choices people make so far?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 10

How does the setting make life harder or easier for the characters in this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 11

What does this chapter show about friendship, kindness, or belonging? Explain your thinking with details from the story.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 12

How does Nat seem to understand Kit or challenge her in a way other characters do not?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?
