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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

The witches--The graphic novel

Author:

Pénélope Bagieu

Date Started:

Date Finished:

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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.

In Chapter 3, which clues for recognizing a witch seem the most important to remember, and why?

Example answer: I think the most important clue is that witches wear gloves because they have claws instead of fingernails. That clue would be easier to notice than some of the others if you looked carefully. I also think the wig clue is important because witches may scratch their heads a lot. These details make the narrator's grandmother seem very wise and prepared.

How to Answer (continued)

In Chapter 14, how does Grandmamma show love and courage when she sees what has happened to the narrator?

Example answer: Grandmamma shows love because she does not stop caring about the narrator after he becomes a mouse. She talks to him and listens to him instead of treating him like he is not the same person. She also shows courage because she stays calm and starts thinking about what to do next. I think this proves that her love is stronger than fear.

In Chapter 20, do you think the narrator and Grandmamma's victory is fair, clever, or both? Explain your opinion.

Example answer: I think their victory is both fair and clever. It is fair because the witches were planning to hurt children, so stopping them was important. It is clever because the narrator uses the witches' own potion against them. I liked that he wins by being brave and smart, even though he is very small.

Chapter 1

In Chapter 1, what does the narrator teach readers about real witches, and how is this different from fairy-tale witches?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 22

In Chapter 22, what prediction can you make about the narrator and Grandmamma's future adventures? Use evidence from the ending.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 21

In Chapter 21, what does the narrator mean when he thinks about having the heart of a mouse, and what theme does this show?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

In Chapter 2, how does the grandmother help the narrator feel safe after a sad time in his life?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 3

In Chapter 3, which clues for recognizing a witch seem the most important to remember, and why?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 20

In Chapter 20, do you think the narrator and Grandmamma’s victory is fair, clever, or both? Explain your opinion.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 19

In Chapter 19, what does Mr. Jenkins’s reaction to his son tell you about him as a parent?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

In Chapter 4, what do you learn about the Grand High Witch from the way other witches react to her?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

In Chapter 5, how does the change in the family’s holiday plans move the story forward?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 18

In Chapter 18, how does the artwork help build suspense while the narrator is in the kitchen?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 17

In Chapter 17, what is the main plan to stop the witches, and what could go wrong with it?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

In Chapter 6, what clues show that the narrator is in serious danger during the witches' meeting?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

In Chapter 7, how does the story show that the witches are cruel and frightening? Use details from the chapter.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 16

In Chapter 16, why do Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins have such a hard time believing the truth about Bruno?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 15

In Chapter 15, what makes the narrator’s mouse-burglar mission risky, and what skills help him succeed?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 8

In Chapter 8, what is Formula 86 Delayed Action Mouse-Maker, and why is it such a dangerous plan?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

In Chapter 9, choose one unusual word or ingredient from the recipe. What do you think it adds to the mood of the story?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 14

In Chapter 14, how does Grandmamma show love and courage when she sees what has happened to the narrator?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 13

In Chapter 13, compare the narrator and Bruno after they have both been changed. How are their reactions alike or different?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 10

In Chapter 10, how does Bruno Jenkins’s disappearance change what the narrator understands about the witches’ plan?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 11

In Chapter 11, why do you think the witches are so interested in their old traditions and rules?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 12

In Chapter 12, how does the narrator respond when something terrible happens to him, and what does this show about his character?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?
