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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

The Wrong Way Home

Author:

Kate O'Shaughnessy

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 ask Fern one honest question right now, what would it be, and why?

Example answer: I would ask Fern, "What are you most afraid will happen if you stop believing everything you learned at the Ranch?" I think this question matters because Fern seems to carry a lot of fear with her. She is not just learning new facts; she is trying to understand her whole life in a new way. Her answer would help me understand what is hardest for her.

Chapter 44

What moment in this chapter best shows what Fern has learned about home, truth, or herself?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 43

Which theme seems strongest so far: truth, home, family, freedom, trust, or belonging? Explain your choice.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

How to Answer (continued)

How does the author show Fern's confusion or uncertainty without simply telling us she feels that way?

Example answer: The author shows Fern's confusion through her thoughts, reactions, and the questions she keeps asking herself. Sometimes Fern notices things that do not match what she has been taught, and that makes her pause. I can tell she is uncertain because she wants to trust people, but she also feels pulled back by old warnings. This makes her feel like a real kid trying to figure out a complicated world.

How does friendship, family, or community matter in this part of the story?

Example answer: In this part of the story, community matters because Fern is learning that people can help each other in different ways. The Ranch has one idea of community, but Fern starts to see that care can also mean listening, telling the truth, and giving someone choices. Family matters too because Fern's relationship with her mother is connected to trust and safety. This chapter made me think about how belonging should not mean being controlled.

Chapter 1

After the opening chapter, what do you understand about Fern's life at the Ranch, and what still feels mysterious?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 42

What is the biggest question the story makes you think about right now?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 41

How does the title The Wrong Way Home connect to what Fern is going through in this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

What details from this chapter show how Fern thinks about the world outside the Ranch?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 3

How does Fern's relationship with her mother seem in this chapter? Use evidence from what they say or do.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 40

What do you notice about the pace of this chapter? Did events move quickly, slowly, or both?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 39

What is one way Fern changes, even a little, in this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

Which rule, warning, or belief from the Ranch affects Fern in this chapter, and how does it affect her?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

What feeling is strongest in this chapter—fear, curiosity, anger, hope, or something else? What causes that feeling?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 38

Which part of this chapter felt the most real to you, even if Fern's life is different from yours?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 37

What lesson is Fern beginning to learn about trusting herself?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

Choose a word or phrase the author uses to describe a place. How does it help you picture Fern's world?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

If you could ask Fern one honest question right now, what would it be, and why?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 36

How does friendship, family, or community matter in this part of the story?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 35

What would you tell Fern if you could give her advice at the end of this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 8

What does this chapter reveal about what home means to Fern so far?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

How does Fern react when something unfamiliar or challenging happens? What does her reaction reveal about her?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 34

How do secrets or hidden truths affect the characters in this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 33

Notice any figurative language or strong description in this chapter. What picture or feeling does it create?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 10

What is one choice Fern's mother makes in this chapter? Why might she think that choice is necessary?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 11

What clues suggest that Fern may not know the whole truth about the Ranch or the outside world?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 32

What is one misunderstanding Fern has, or one misunderstanding someone has about Fern?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 31

Which action in this chapter seems like a step toward freedom, independence, or understanding?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 12

Which character seems most trustworthy in this chapter? Explain your thinking with evidence.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 13

Describe a moment when Fern seems torn between what she was taught and what she is experiencing.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 30

What do you think Fern needs from the adults around her right now?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 29

How does Kate O'Shaughnessy make readers feel sympathy for Fern here?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 14

What prediction can you make about Fern's next problem or decision? What makes you think so?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 15

How does the setting shape the mood in this chapter? Use details from the text.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 28

What memory, lesson, or habit from the Ranch still follows Fern in this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 27

Which character shows courage in this chapter, and what kind of courage is it?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 16

Find an important word connected to fear, safety, or belonging. What does it mean in the context of the chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 17

What does Fern seem to want most at this point in the story? Has that want changed at all?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 26

What conflict is Fern facing in this chapter: inside herself, with another person, or with her situation? Explain.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 25

How is Fern learning to decide what is true?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 18

How does the author show Fern's confusion or uncertainty without simply telling us she feels that way?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 19

What question do you have about Fern's mother after this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 24

Pick one sentence or moment that surprised you. Why did it stand out?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 23

What does this chapter suggest about the difference between loyalty and obedience?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 20

Compare Fern's idea of safety with your own idea of safety. What is similar, and what is different?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 21

What small detail in this chapter might become important later? Explain why you noticed it.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 22

How does Fern handle being around people or ideas that are different from the Ranch?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?
