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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

This Is a Door

Author:

Daniel Nayeri

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.

Based on a clue in this chapter, what do you predict might happen next? Explain how the clue supports your prediction.

Example answer: I predict that [character] will [possible next action]. My clue is [a detail from this chapter]. This detail makes me think my prediction could happen because [explanation]. I will look for more clues as I keep reading.

How to Answer (continued)

Choose a word from this chapter that is new, interesting, or used in an unusual way. What do you think it means, and which nearby words help you figure it out?

Example answer: I chose the word [word], which I think means [meaning]. The nearby words [words from the text] helped me figure it out. When I try that meaning in the sentence, it makes sense because [explanation]. This word helps me picture [what the sentence describes].

What message about life or treating others could a reader learn from this chapter? Connect your idea to something a character says or does.

Example answer: I think this chapter shows that [message]. When [character] [action from the chapter], I noticed [important detail]. That moment supports my idea because [explanation]. It makes me think about how I could [apply the message in my own life].

Chapter 1

What is the most important thing that happens in this chapter? Explain how it changes the situation for a character.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 10

If you could ask a character one question about something in this chapter, what would you ask? Explain why the answer would help you understand the story.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

How does a conversation or interaction in this chapter help you understand the relationship between two characters? Support your answer with an example.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

Based on a clue in this chapter, what do you predict might happen next? Explain how the clue supports your prediction.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 3

Which choice in this chapter helps you understand a character better? Describe what that choice shows about the character.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 8

What message about life or treating others could a reader learn from this chapter? Connect your idea to something a character says or does.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

What does a character want in this chapter, and what gets in the way? Explain how the character responds.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

Where does this chapter take place, and how does that setting affect what happens? Use a detail from the chapter.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

Choose a word from this chapter that is new, interesting, or used in an unusual way. What do you think it means, and which nearby words help you figure it out?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

Which part of this chapter did you find most interesting, surprising, or confusing? Explain your reaction with a detail from the text.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?
