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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

Under a War-torn Sky

Author:

L.M. Elliot

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.

Which moment in this chapter creates the most danger or tension for Henry? Explain why it feels important.

Example answer: The most tense moment is when Henry has to stay alert even though he is scared and tired. It feels dangerous because one wrong move could put him and the people helping him in trouble. I could tell the stakes were high because the author made the scene feel quiet and nervous. This moment is important because it shows how hard it is for Henry to survive in enemy territory.

Chapter 27

Looking back over the book so far, how has Henry changed, and what message do you think L.M. Elliott wants readers to remember?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

How to Answer (continued)

How does trust matter in this chapter? Explain who must decide whether to trust someone and what is at risk.

Example answer: Trust matters because Henry cannot get through the war by himself. He has to decide who might be safe, but trusting the wrong person could be very dangerous. The helpers also take a risk because helping Henry could get them punished. This shows that trust is brave, not easy.

What title would you give this chapter, and why would that title fit the main events or ideas?

Example answer: I would title this chapter "A Dangerous Choice." That title fits because Henry has to think carefully about what to do next while danger is all around him. The chapter shows that even a small decision can matter a lot during war. It also connects to the idea that courage means acting even when you are afraid.

Chapter 1

So far, what is the most important thing you have learned about Henry Forester? Use details from this chapter to explain your thinking.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 26

What title would you give this chapter, and why would that title fit the main events or ideas?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 25

What lesson about friendship, loyalty, survival, or sacrifice is this chapter developing? Use an example from the chapter.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

How does the World War II setting affect what Henry or other characters are able to do in this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 3

Which moment in this chapter creates the most danger or tension for Henry? Explain why it feels important.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 24

How does Henry's responsibility to his crew, helpers, family, or country affect a choice he makes or thinks about in this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 23

Which part of this chapter surprised you, confused you, or made you want to keep reading? Explain your reaction.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

By the end of this chapter, what does Henry seem to want or need most? Support your answer with evidence from the text.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

Describe one way Henry shows courage, fear, or both in this chapter. What does this reveal about him?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 22

What small act of kindness, hope, or humanity stands out in this chapter? Why is it meaningful in a war story?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 21

How do secrets, danger, or language barriers affect the way characters communicate in this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

How do Henry's thoughts about home, family, or the people he loves shape his actions so far?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

What new information does this chapter give you about the war in Europe or life during wartime?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 20

If you were in Henry's place during this chapter, what would be the hardest choice or challenge for you? Explain why.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 19

What does this chapter suggest about bravery?
How does Henry or another character show that
bravery does not mean having no fear?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 8

Choose one strong word or phrase L.M. Elliott
uses in this chapter. What does it mean, and how
does it help you understand the mood or action?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

Which character seems to help or hurt Henry the most in this section? Explain what that character does and why it matters.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 18

How would you describe the mood of this chapter? Use two details from the text to support your answer.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 17

What clue or detail in this chapter do you think might become important later? Explain your reasoning without jumping ahead.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 10

If you could ask Henry one question about what happened in this chapter, what would you ask? Why would that question be important?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 11

Based on this chapter, what problem do you predict Henry might face next? What clues make you think so?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 16

Compare Henry at the beginning of this chapter with Henry at the end. What has changed in his situation, feelings, or understanding?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 15

What is one conflict Henry faces in this chapter? Tell whether it is a conflict with another person, with danger around him, with himself, or with the war.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 12

How does trust matter in this chapter? Explain who must decide whether to trust someone and what is at risk.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 13

What setting detail helped you picture where Henry is or what the place feels like? Describe the image you saw in your mind.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 14

How does this chapter show the way ordinary people are affected by war, not just soldiers?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?
