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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

Vacation Under the Volcano

Author:

Mary Pope Osborne

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 what you have read so far, what challenge do you predict Jack and Annie might face during their trip to Pompeii? What clue supports your prediction?

Example answer: I predict that Jack and Annie will have trouble finding the scroll before they need to leave. My clue is that Vesuvius is about to erupt near Pompeii. That means their mission has a time limit, even if they do not know exactly how much time they have. I think they will need to make careful choices quickly.

How to Answer (continued)

Would you want to join Jack and Annie on their trip to ancient Pompeii? Explain your opinion using something you know about the adventure so far.

Example answer: I would like to see ancient Pompeii, but I would not want to visit when a volcano was about to erupt. Traveling in a magic tree house sounds exciting because I could see a place from long ago. However, burning ash would make the trip too dangerous for me. I would rather visit at a safer time.

How does the story so far show why learning about the past matters? Connect your thinking to Jack and Annie's visit to Pompeii or their search for a Roman scroll.

Example answer: I think Jack and Annie's search shows that things from the past can be worth protecting. A Roman scroll could help people learn what someone wrote long ago. Their visit to Pompeii also makes history feel like a real place instead of just facts in a textbook. This makes me curious about the people who lived there.

Chapter 1

What is the most important thing you have learned so far about Jack and Annie's adventure? Explain how that information helps you understand the story.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 10

How does the story so far show why learning about the past matters? Connect your thinking to Jack and Annie's visit to Pompeii or their search for a Roman scroll.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

What have you noticed so far about how Jack and Annie work together? Explain how one of their actions helps—or could help—the other.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

Based on what you have read so far, what challenge do you predict Jack and Annie might face during their trip to Pompeii? What clue supports your prediction?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 3

Choose something Jack or Annie has said or done so far. What does it show about that character's personality?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 8

Would you want to join Jack and Annie on their trip to ancient Pompeii? Explain your opinion using something you know about the adventure so far.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

Choose a new or interesting word from your reading so far. How do the words around it help you figure out its meaning, and how does it help describe the adventure?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

How has the setting shaped Jack and Annie's adventure so far? Describe one detail about their surroundings and explain why it matters.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

What does the story so far suggest about being brave in a frightening or unfamiliar situation? Use Jack or Annie to explain your thinking.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

What do you understand so far about Jack and Annie's mission to find a Roman scroll? What question about that mission would you still like answered?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?
