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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

War Games

Author:

Alan Gratz

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 details in this chapter make Berlin and the 1936 Olympics feel exciting, tense, or dangerous?

Example answer: I noticed that the setting feels exciting because the Olympics bring crowds, flags, and famous athletes together. At the same time, it feels tense because Nazi Germany is not a safe or fair place for everyone. The author makes me feel like something important could happen even when people are acting cheerful. That mix makes the chapter more suspenseful.

Chapter 52

Now that you have read this chapter, what do you think the story is asking readers to remember about games, war, and choices?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 51

Which theme seems strongest near this point in the story: courage, loyalty, fairness, resistance, or hope? What evidence supports your idea?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

How to Answer (continued)

Describe a moment in this chapter when a character had to choose between doing what was right and staying safe.

Example answer: A character had to think about whether to stay quiet or take a risk to help someone. I think this is hard because staying safe can feel smart, especially in a dangerous place like Nazi Germany. Still, doing what is right matters because unfair treatment gets worse when everyone ignores it. I would feel scared, but I hope I would be brave.

Which theme seems strongest near this point in the story: courage, loyalty, fairness, resistance, or hope? What evidence supports your idea?

Example answer: The theme that seems strongest to me is courage. The characters are surrounded by pressure to act like everything is fine, but some of them still notice what is wrong. Courage in this book does not always mean fighting in a big way. Sometimes it means asking questions, helping someone, or refusing to believe a lie.

Chapter 1

After this chapter, what have you learned so far about the main character and what matters most to them?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 50

What do you think is the biggest danger right now: physical danger, moral danger, emotional danger, or another kind? Explain your choice.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 49

How have your feelings about one character shifted after this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

Which details in this chapter make Berlin and the 1936 Olympics feel exciting, tense, or dangerous?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 3

How are sports shown as more than just games in the chapter you read?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 48

Which scene from this chapter would make a powerful illustration, and what would it show?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 47

What do you think the author wants readers to notice about hate, bullying, or unfair treatment by powerful groups?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

What choice in this chapter seems important, and what might happen because of it?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

Which character do you trust more or less after this chapter, and what made you feel that way?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 46

How does the main character balance personal goals with trying to help others?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 45

What mistake or risky move does a character make in this chapter, and is it understandable?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

What moment in this chapter shows unfairness, prejudice, or fear under Nazi rule?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

How does family influence the main character’s decisions so far?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 44

How does this chapter make you think about real history and ordinary people living through it?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 43

What obstacles are still unresolved after this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 8

What new information in this chapter changes how you understand the main problem of the story?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

Choose one strong word or phrase from the chapter. How does it help create the mood?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 42

Which line, choice, or action in this chapter reveals what a character values?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 41

How are bystanders shown in this chapter? What do they do or fail to do?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 10

If you could ask the main character one question after this chapter, what would you ask and why?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 11

How does Alan Gratz build suspense in this chapter without explaining everything right away?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 40

What important relationship is changing in this chapter, and how can you tell?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 39

What mood does this chapter leave you with, and what caused that feeling?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 12

What is one small or big act of courage you noticed in this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 13

Which rule, order, or expectation puts pressure on a character in this chapter, and how does that character respond?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 38

How does the title War Games connect to what you read in this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 37

Which character seems to need help in this chapter, and what kind of help do they need?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 14

How does this chapter compare the public celebration of the Olympics with the private worries or dangers people face?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 15

What prediction can you make based on clues from this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 36

What role do rumors, news, messages, or information play in this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 35

What evidence shows the main character becoming braver, smarter, or more careful?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 16

How does friendship or teamwork help or hurt a character in this part of the story?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 17

What does this chapter suggest about propaganda, appearances, or trying to make something look better than it really is?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 34

How does the chapter show a tension between wanting to win and wanting to do what is right?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 33

What object, place, or detail in this chapter might stand for a bigger idea?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 18

Describe a moment in this chapter when a character had to choose between doing what was right and staying safe.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 19

What do you notice in this chapter about power and who is allowed to use it?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 32

How does this chapter show that different people respond to Nazi Germany in different ways?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 31

Which event in this chapter feels like a turning point in the story so far?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 20

How do athletes or competition connect to the larger tensions in the story so far?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 21

Which detail from this chapter did you picture most clearly in your mind, and what senses did it use?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 30

If you were in the main character’s place during this chapter, what would you do the same or differently?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 29

What lesson about fairness appears in this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 22

How has the main character changed since the beginning, even in a small way?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 23

What secret, risk, or hidden truth matters in this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 28

How does the author show danger through the setting, people’s actions, or the way characters speak?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 27

What part of this chapter surprised or confused you, and how could you figure it out?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 24

How do adults affect what young people can or cannot do in this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 25

What makes this chapter feel like it belongs in a real historical time and place?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 26

Which character’s feelings or point of view do you understand better after this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?
