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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

Where the Mountain Meets the Moon

Author:

Grace Lin

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.

Why do you think Minli buys the goldfish? What does this choice show about her character?

Example answer: I think Minli buys the goldfish because she wants to believe her family’s luck can change. Even though the money is very important, she is willing to take a risk for hope. This shows that Minli is curious, brave, and not ready to give up. She wants a better life for her parents, not just for herself.

Chapter 20

By this point, how has Minli’s idea of fortune begun to change? Use details from her journey.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 19

How do Da-A-Fu and their village show a different kind of richness than gold or jewels?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

How to Answer (continued)

When Minli faces an obstacle on her journey, how does she use cleverness instead of strength to solve the problem?

Example answer: Minli shows that she does not have to be the biggest or strongest person to solve a problem. She thinks carefully and notices what others want or need. I like that she uses her brain instead of trying to fight. This makes her seem wise for her age and helps her move forward on the journey.

By this point, how has Minli's idea of fortune begun to change? Use details from her journey.

Example answer: At first, I think Minli believes fortune mostly means having more money and an easier life. As she travels, she starts to see that friends, kindness, and family are also kinds of fortune. Dragon, the buffalo boy, and other helpers show her that people can be rich in different ways. I think she is beginning to understand that changing her family's fortune may not only mean finding gold.

Chapter 1

How does the author describe Minli’s home near Fruitless Mountain? How does this setting help you understand Minli’s life?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 18

How do danger and fear change what Minli and Dragon learn about courage?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 17

The borrowed line becomes important to the quest. What do you predict Minli will need to do with it?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

What do Ba’s stories show about hope, even when Minli’s family is poor and tired?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 3

Why do you think Minli buys the goldfish? What does this choice show about her character?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 16

What does the king’s choice to help Minli show about leadership and kindness?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 15

In the City of Bright Moonlight, how do rules or traditions affect Minli’s ability to get help?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

How are Ma’s and Ba’s feelings about stories and hope different? Which parent do you understand more, and why?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

After Minli hears the goldfish talk, what choice does she make? What might happen next because of this choice?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 14

Choose one important word from these chapters, such as fortune, contentment, or gratitude. What does the word mean, and how does it connect to the story?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 13

While Minli is gone, what do Ma and Ba begin to learn or understand about their daughter and themselves?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

Do you think Minli is brave, foolish, or both when she leaves home to find the Old Man of the Moon? Explain your thinking.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

When Minli first meets Dragon, how does she treat him? What does this show about the kind of friend she might be?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 12

How does meeting the buffalo boy change the feeling of Minli's adventure? What does he teach or show her?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 11

What does Dragon add to the journey that Minli could not do alone? What does Minli add that Dragon needs?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 8

Dragon has been alone for a long time. How does his problem connect to Minli's problem?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

The book includes stories inside the main story. What is one lesson from one of these stories, and how might it help Minli?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 10

When Minli faces an obstacle on her journey, how does she use cleverness instead of strength to solve the problem?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?
