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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

Who Was Helen Keller?

Author:

Gare Thompson

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.

In this chapter, how would you describe Helen Keller as a person? Use two details from the text to support your answer.

Example answer: I would describe Helen as determined and curious. Even when life was very difficult for her, she still wanted to understand the world around her. The chapter shows that she did not just sit back and give up. I think her strong feelings show how badly she wanted to communicate.

How to Answer (continued)

Choose one important word from this chapter, such as deaf, blind, communication, or another new word. What does it mean, and how does it connect to Helen's story?

Example answer: One important word is communication. Communication means sharing ideas, thoughts, or feelings with other people. This word connects to Helen's story because she had to find a way to communicate without being able to see or hear. It helped me understand why learning words was such a huge part of her life.

What lesson from Helen Keller's story so far could help someone in real life? Explain how that lesson could be useful.

Example answer: One lesson from Helen Keller's story is that people can keep trying even when something seems almost impossible. Helen faced challenges that most people do not have to face, but she still learned and grew. This lesson could help someone who is struggling in school, sports, or friendships. It reminds me that progress can take time, but effort matters.

Chapter 1

So far, what are the most important things you have learned about Helen Keller’s life, and why do those details matter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 10

What lesson from Helen Keller’s story so far could help someone in real life? Explain how that lesson could be useful.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

Why do you think Gare Thompson included the details in this chapter? What do they help readers understand about Helen Keller or the people around her, such as Anne Sullivan?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

In this chapter, how would you describe Helen Keller as a person? Use two details from the text to support your answer.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 3

How does the setting, such as Helen’s home in Alabama or another place described in the book, affect what is happening in this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 8

So far, how has Helen’s way of communicating or learning changed? Give an example from the book.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

Based on what you know so far, what challenge do you think Helen might face next, and what clues make you think that?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

Choose one important word from this chapter, such as deaf, blind, communication, or another new word. What does it mean, and how does it connect to Helen’s story?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

What does this chapter show about perseverance, or not giving up, in Helen Keller’s life?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

Which event or detail in this chapter stood out to you the most? Explain why it caught your attention.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?
