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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

Wish

Author:

Barbara O'Connor

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.

What does Charlie's daily wish suggest about what matters most to her? Explain using what you know at this point.

Example answer: I think Charlie's daily wish shows that she wants something important to change in her life. She has kept making the same wish for a long time, so it does not seem like a small, passing want. Being sent to live with relatives she barely knows makes her situation feel uncertain. I think wishing gives her a little hope when she cannot control everything around her.

Chapter 31

Looking back over the chapters you have read, how has your opinion of Charlie stayed the same or changed? Explain which details have shaped your view.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

How to Answer (continued)

Based on your reading so far, what might make a place feel like home to Charlie? Explain how that could be different from simply having somewhere to live.

Example answer: I think Charlie needs to feel wanted before a place can really feel like home. Living with relatives gives her somewhere to stay, but she barely knows them at first. I would expect her to need time and steady kindness before she feels comfortable. To me, home means knowing that people care about you, not just having a bed and a roof.

Would you encourage a friend to keep reading Wish based on what you have read so far? Explain which part of Charlie's story would interest that friend.

Example answer: I would encourage a friend to keep reading because Charlie has a problem that feels real. She has to adjust to living with people she barely knows while still hoping her wish will come true. I want to find out whether her new surroundings will change what she wants. I think a friend who likes stories about family and belonging would be interested too.

Chapter 1

Which detail from your latest chapter best helps you understand Charlie Reese's situation? Explain what it adds to what you know so far.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 30

Which unanswered question about Charlie, her family, or Wishbone feels most important right now? Explain how its answer could change your understanding of the story.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 29

What has your reading so far suggested about the difference between being related to someone and caring for someone? Connect your thinking to Charlie's situation.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

What do you predict Charlie will find hardest about living with relatives she barely knows? Use a clue from your reading so far.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 3

What does Charlie's daily wish suggest about what matters most to her? Explain using what you know at this point.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 28

Would you encourage a friend to keep reading Wish based on what you have read so far? Explain which part of Charlie's story would interest that friend.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 27

Where do you see Charlie having some control over her life, and where does she seem to have little control? Use details from your reading so far.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

How would you describe Charlie to someone who has not read Wish? Support your description with something she has said, thought, or done so far.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

Which detail about Charlie's surroundings stands out in your reading so far? Explain how it affects the mood of the story.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 26

Choose a word from your latest chapter whose meaning you had to think about. Explain the clues you used and how knowing the word helps you follow the story.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 25

What could help a friendship grow in Charlie's situation? Make a prediction using what you have learned about her so far.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

Where do you notice a difference between what Charlie says and what she might be feeling? If you have not noticed one, explain how her words show her feelings clearly.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

What question would you ask Charlie about a choice she has made so far? Explain why you would want to know her answer.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 24

How does the title Wish connect to your latest chapter? Consider Charlie's hopes, disappointments, or expectations.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 23

Which moment so far made you feel sympathy for Charlie? Explain what the author helped you understand in that moment.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 8

Choose a word from your latest chapter that helps describe a person, place, or feeling. What does it mean in context, and why is it a useful choice?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

Who seems most likely to earn Charlie's trust at this point? Explain your prediction using a detail from the story.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 22

What can you say about Howard's place in Charlie's story at this point? Discuss what you have learned about him, or explain what you wonder if you have not met him yet.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 21

When has Charlie seemed confident or unsure of herself in your reading so far? Explain what reveals that feeling.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 10

How does Charlie respond when something does not go the way she wants? Discuss an example from your reading so far.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 11

What are you learning about Bertha and Gus, or what are you still hoping to learn about them? Explain why that information matters to Charlie's story.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 20

What role do you expect Wishbone to play in Charlie's life, based on what you know at this point? If he has appeared, use an example from their interactions.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 19

How might Charlie's wish affect the way she notices everyday things? Support your thinking with something you have read so far.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 12

Based on your reading so far, what might make a place feel like home to Charlie? Explain how that could be different from simply having somewhere to live.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 13

Which action by Charlie or another character seems kind, even if it is small? Explain its importance, or identify a moment when kindness would have helped.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 18

Which character's point of view would help you understand Charlie better? Explain what you would want that character to tell you.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 17

What do you understand about Charlie's family now that you did not understand when you began reading? If your understanding has not changed, explain which detail has stayed important.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 14

How is life in Colby shaping Charlie's experience so far? Use a setting detail, or explain what you still need to learn about the town.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 15

What advice would you give Charlie right now?
Connect your advice to a problem or feeling she has shown.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 16

Find a phrase in your latest chapter that creates a strong picture in your mind. Explain what you picture and how it helps you understand Charlie's world.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?
