

Don Quixote

Miguel de Cervantes

Why doesn't Sancho's accurate explanation of the windmills change Don Quixote's belief?

TOTAL TIME

PASSAGE

30 minutes	Windmills become giants
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FIND THE ANCHOR TEXT

Use the Anchor Text Table of Contents in the Enhanced Reader to open the START anchor. Then use the dropdown to select the END anchor.

SECTION / LOCATION	Part I, Chapter VIII
START	what we see there are not giants but windmills
END	no one could have made any mistake about it but one who had something of the same kind in his head.
PASSAGE ID	sec-dq-02

THE MOVE

Compare correction with a belief system that can absorb correction

WHY THIS PASSAGE

Sancho's explanation of the windmills could correct an ordinary mistake, but Don Quixote's belief system contains enchantment as a ready explanation for contradictory evidence. Correction is absorbed rather than allowed to falsify the belief.

MARK

Underline Sancho's direct factual correction. Circle Don Quixote's explanation after the failed attack. Draw an arrow showing how contradictory evidence is converted into support for enchantment.

NOTICE

- What evidence should make the giant interpretation less plausible?
- How does enchantment protect the belief from being disproved?
- What happens to a belief system when every possible correction can be reinterpreted as further evidence?

THINK

Answer provisionally: Why doesn't Sancho's accurate explanation of the windmills change Don Quixote's belief? Choose the strongest interpretation you can defend from this passage alone.

WRITE

Write a short evidence-based response to: Why doesn't Sancho's accurate explanation of the windmills change Don Quixote's belief? Use at least two details from the assigned passage and explain how they support your interpretation.

CLOSE

Name the single detail that most changed or sharpened your interpretation, and explain why.

STRONG ANSWER	Sancho's correction cannot defeat the belief because enchantment gives Don Quixote a way to absorb contradictory evidence. Windmills can be giants transformed after the fact, so failure becomes confirmation of hostile magic rather than disproof.
EVIDENCE	Use Sancho's accurate identification, the failed charge, and Don Quixote's enchantment explanation afterward.
WATCH FOR	Do not say Don Quixote simply ignores evidence. He reinterprets it inside a system designed to survive contradiction.
SOLO	Read the exact passage independently.
SUPPORTED	Use narration and sentence highlighting while reading the same passage.
LISTENING	Listen to the exact passage; visual following is optional. Same question and evidence demand.

STUDENT PAGE · SAME PASSAGE, SAME THINKING

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OPEN THE MARKED PASSAGE IN TUMBLELIT

SOLO: read independently. SUPPORTED: use narration + highlighting. LISTENING: listen to the exact passage. The question and evidence task stay the same.

1. MARK - Underline Sancho's direct factual correction. Circle Don Quixote's explanation after the failed attack. Draw an arrow showing how contradictory evidence is converted into support for enchantment.
2. NOTICE - What evidence should make the giant interpretation less plausible? How does enchantment protect the belief from being disproved? What happens to a belief system when every possible correction can be reinterpreted as further evidence?
3. THINK - Answer provisionally: Why doesn't Sancho's accurate explanation of the windmills change Don Quixote's belief?
4. WRITE - Write a short response using at least two pieces of evidence from this passage.

Use evidence from the assigned passage. Show what you noticed and how the text supports your interpretation.