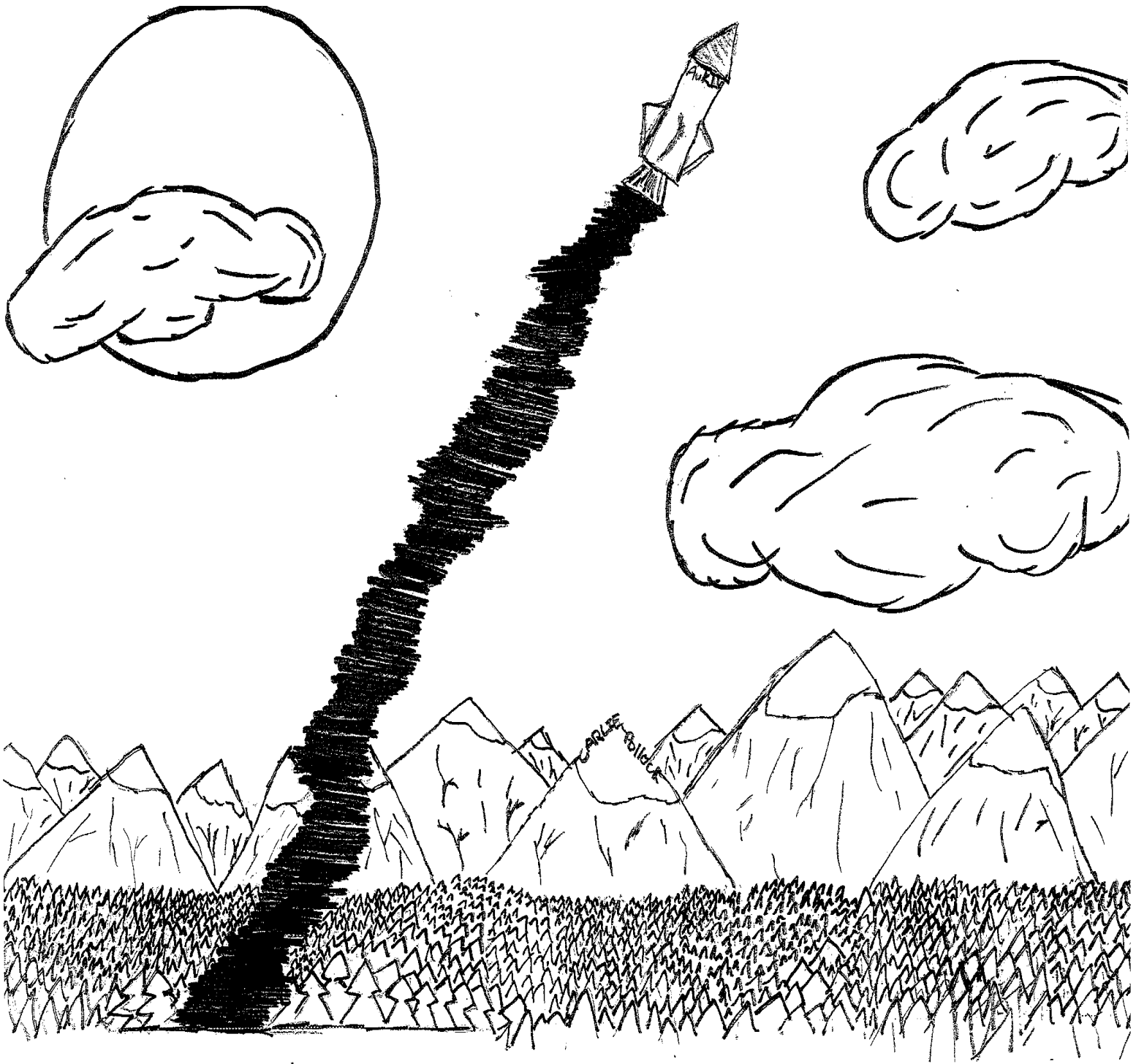


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BASED ON A TRUE STORY

Rocket Boys

October Sky video worksheet /26**DAY 1**

- 1) What was Sputnik according to the movie?
 - a) The first satellite to orbit earth
 - b) The first coal mine
 - c) The name of Coalwood's football team mascot
 - d) The first rocket that was built

- 2) Why did Homer's father favor Jim (his brother) over Homer?
 - a) Jim played baseball
 - b) Jim played football
 - c) Jim worked in the coalmine
 - d) Jim wanted to be a rocket engineer

- 3) What major event sparked Homer's interest in rockets?
 - a) Homer playing football to get a scholarship
 - b) His dad working in the coal mines
 - c) Seeing Sputnik
 - d) His teacher Miss Riley

- 4) Homer encountered several setbacks as he tried to build and launch a successful rocket. What was the first setback?
 - a) Blowing up the fence and they didn't know how to wield
 - b) getting in trouble from his dad
 - c) Getting arrested for starting a fire
 - d) Dad getting hurt and having to work the mines

- 5) Homer lived in a small community in West Virginia called Coalwood, WV. What were the community's expectations for Homer and the other boys who lived there?
 - a) To work at Wal-Mart
 - b) To become miners
 - c) To become football players
 - d) To become a high school drop out

- 6) How did the "rocket boys" build their launch command station?
 - a) With the help of local businesses
 - b) With the help of the Railroad company
 - c) With the help of Mr. Bykovski

- 7) A lot of kids could leave the area where they were living at including Homer's brother Jim. How would they get out of Coalwood?
 - a) Soccer scholarship
 - b) Baseball scholarship
 - c) Football scholarship

- 8) What was Homer aspiring to do with his life?
 - a) To be a miner like his dad
 - b) To work for Cape Carnival
 - c) To work in the local store
 - d) To make moon shine

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DAY 2

- 9) Several people were an influential in Homer's life that inspired him to continue working toward his dreams. According to the movie, WHICH one was NOT very supportive of Homer working for NASA?
- His Mom (Elsie)
 - Miss Riley, (his teacher)
 - Mr Bykovski (miner killed)
 - His Dad (John)
- 10) Why did John Hickem (Homer's Dad) never have time for his son Homer's but always for his brother Jim
- His dad was injured in the mine and could not make it
 - His dad always worked in the mine and did not care about rocket science.
 - His dad was fired from the Union coal mine and did not care about rocket science
 - His dad got shot and passed away
- 11) Which one of the list below IS NOT a major setback that Homer experienced in his life to quit building rockets?
- Getting arrested for starting a fire
 - Dad getting hurt in the mine
 - Lost one of his rockets
 - Homer got a letter from Wernher von Braun
- 12) Why was Homer upset at his brother Jim at the Dance?
- Jim got a Football scholarship
 - Jim would not go to the mine and work when their dad got hurt
 - Jim was dating Dorothy
 - Miss Riley went to the dance with Jim
- 13) At one point Homer's mom (Elsie) tossed the phone out the door because Elsie detest the mine. What event causes her to commit such an act as to toss the phone outside?
- Talking a toll on her husband's health (spot on his lungs) and they called her
 - Consumes all of John's time (even late for dinner) because they were calling her
 - John got hurt in the mine and they called her
 - They were going on strike and the union called her.
- 14) Why did Homer go work in the mine and not want to go back to school?
- Dad getting hurt and having to work the mines
 - Mr Bykovski was killed and he felt obligated to go
 - Because Jim (his brother) got a Football scholarship so he had to go work at the mine
 - Homer got arrested and could not get work anywhere else.
- 15) Homer's father was a hard-working man who held a position of authority and responsibility in the coal mine. When was Mr. Hickem MOST proud of Homer?
- When Homer got arrested
 - When Homer was working in the mine
 - When Homer tried out for football
 - When Homer won the science fair
- 16) Even though Mr. Hickem did not have a college degree, "allot of people owe their live to him." Why was he respected?
- Mr. Hickem was the owner of the mine
 - Mr. Hickem was head of the Union
 - Mr. Hickem knew Homer was a great engineer
 - Mr. Hickem knew the mine like the back of his hand

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DAY 3

- 17) What did the boys use for rocket fuel towards the end of the movie?
- Pure grain alcohol
 - Liquid Nitrogen
 - Gun Power from firecrackers
 - Water
- 18) How did Homer defend himself against the allegation for stating the fire?
- By hiring a lawyer
 - By using math (trigonometry) to calculate the distance of his rocket
 - By getting Miss Riley to vouch for him
 - He did not defend himself. He got arrested and went to jail for arson
- 19) Due to the lack of funding Big Creek High School was only aloud to send one student to the National Science Fair competition. Who did they send?
- Homer Hickem
 - Quentin Wilson
 - Jimmy O'Dell Carroll
 - Roy Lee Cooke
 - Sherman Siers
- 20) Select the BEST answer to why did they steal the Rocket Boy's display?
- They wanted it for themselves
 - They were afraid the rocket boys would win
 - They wanted to sell it to the Russian government
 - They were afraid they use it in the school
- 21) Elsic said she "will leave John if he did not help his son". I will find work, live in a tree if she had to." Where was Elsic moving to?
- Virginia Beach
 - Ocean City Beach
 - Miami Beach
 - Myrtle Beach
- 22) According to the movie, who did Homer meet and shake hands with at the science fair?
- Albert Einstein
 - Wernher Von Braun
 - President of the United States
- 23) Who was Homer's idol?
- Wernher Von Braun
 - Albert Einstein
 - John Hickem
 - Mr Bykovski
- 24) At the end of the movie, what happen to Miss Riley?
- Ran off with someone from another town
 - She left teaching and went to work for NASA
 - She passed away from Hodgkin's disease
 - She left and went to Myrtle Beach
- 25) At the end of the movie, you find out what each of the Rocket Boys did. Who did Homer work for?
- As a NASA engineer
 - Banker
 - Rancher/ Automotive sales person