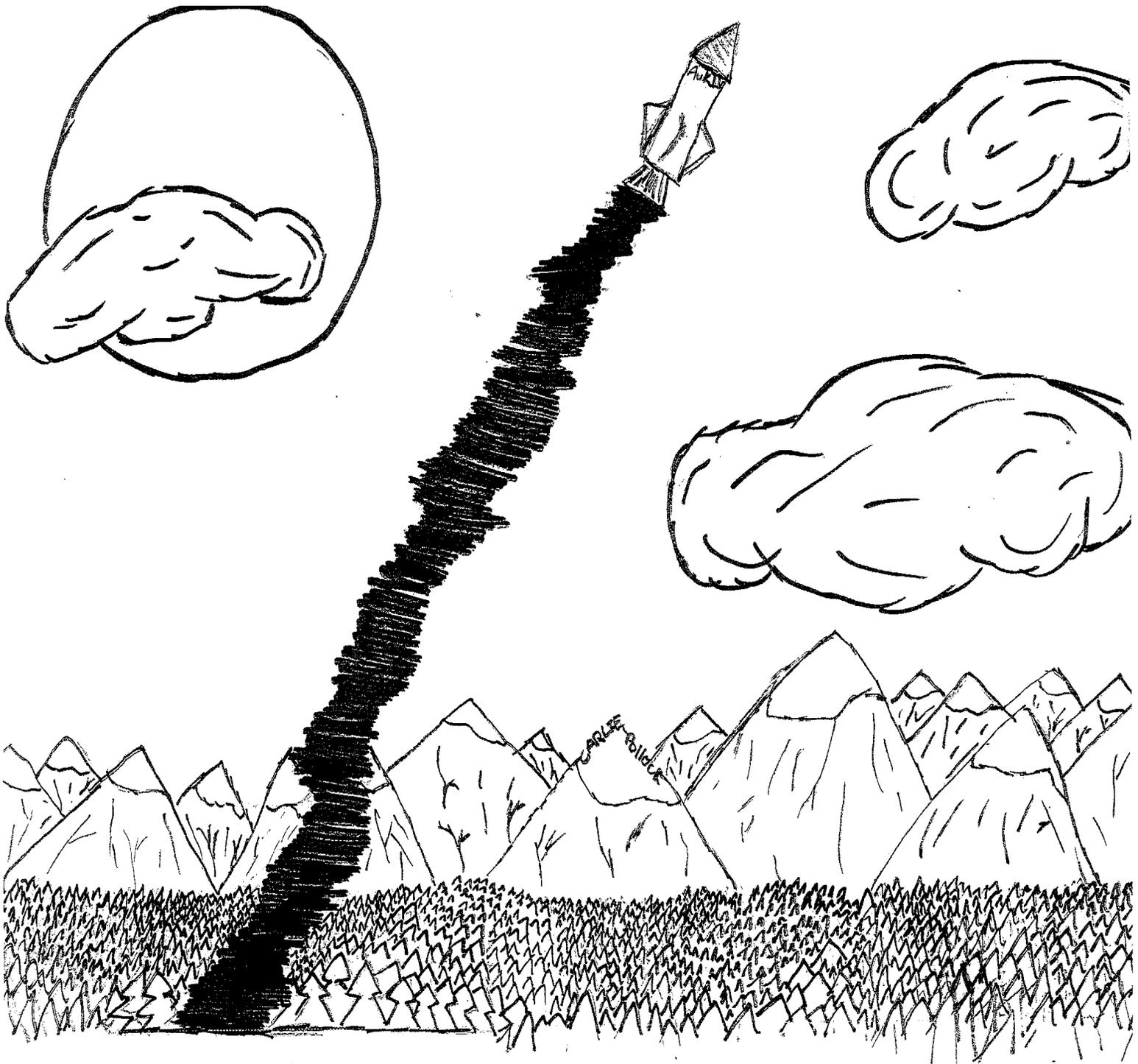


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Rocket Boys

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October Sky video worksheet ANSWERS /25**DAY 1**

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

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

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

- 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) Dad getting hurt and having to work the mines
 - c) Getting arrested for starting a fire
 - d) getting in trouble from his dad

- 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 become a high school drop out
 - b) To become football players
 - c) To become miners
 - d) To work at Walmart

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

- 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) Baseball scholarship
 - b) Football scholarship
 - c) Soccer scholarship
 - d) Science scholarship

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

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 Dad (John)
 - His Mom (Elsie)
 - Miss Riley, (his teacher)
 - Mr Bykovski (miner killed)
- 10) Why did John Hickem (Homer's Dad) never have time for his son Homer's but always for his brother Jim
- His dad always worked in the mine and did not care about rocket science.
 - His dad got shot and passed away
 - His dad was fired from the Union coal mine and did not care about rocket science
 - His dad was injured in the mine and could not make it
- 11) Which one of the list below IS NOT a major setback that Homer experienced in his life to quit building rockets?
- Dad getting hurt in the mine
 - Getting arrested for starting a fire
 - Homer got a letter from Wernher von Braun
 - Lost one of his rockets
- 12) Why was Homer upset at his brother Jim at the Dance?
- Jim got a Football scholarship
 - Jim was dating Dorthy
 - Jim would not go to the mine and work when their dad got hurt
 - 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?
- 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
 - Talking a toll on her husband's health (spot on his lungs) 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?
- Because Jim (his brother) got a Football scholarship so he had to go work at the mine
 - Dad getting hurt and having to work the mines
 - Homer got arrested and could not get work anywhere else.
 - Mr Bykovski was killed and he felt obligated to go
- 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 tried out for football
 - When Homer was working in the mine
 - 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 knew Homer was a great engineer
 - Mr. Hickem knew the mine like the back of his hand
 - Mr. Hickem was head of the Union
 - Mr. Hickem was the owner of the mine

DAY 3

- 17) What did the boys use for rocket fuel towards the end of the movie?
- Gun Power from firecrackers
 - Liquid Nitrogen
 - Pure grain alcohol
 - Water
- 18) How did Homer defend himself against the allegation for stating the fire?
- By getting Miss Rielly to vouch for him
 - By hiring a lawyer
 - By using math (trigonometry) to calculate the distance of his rocket
 - 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
 - Jimmy O'Dell Carroll
 - Quentin Wilson
 - 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 wanted to sell it to the Russian government
 - They were afraid the rocket boys would win
 - 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?
- Miami Beach
 - Myrtle Beach
 - Ocean City Beach
 - Virginia Beach
- 22) According to the movie, who did Homer meet and shake hands with at the science fair?
- Albert Einstein
 - President of the United States
 - Wernher Von Braun
- 23) Who was Homer's idol?
- Albert Einstein
 - John Hickem
 - Mr Bykovski
 - Wernher Von Braun
- 24) At the end of the movie, what happen to Miss Rilley?
- Ran off with someone from another town
 - She left and went to Myrtle Beach
 - She left teaching and went to work for NASA
 - She passed away from Hodgkin's disease
- 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
 - The Coal Miner His Dad worked for