

## October Sky Film Guide



**Answer the following questions as you view the film.**

1. What world event started Homer thinking about building a rocket?
2. What type of scholarship were most students in Coalwood hoping to get?
3. What were most Coalwood students expected to do for a living after high school?
4. What happens to Homer's first rocket?
5. Who is Warner Van Braun?
6. Who did Homer turn to help him with his initial research on rockets?
7. What does Homer's father do with his second rocket?
8. What do the boys name their launch site?
9. How far away is their launch site from company property?

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10. What is the coal that is mined in Coalwood used to produce? Why is it so important?

11. What do the boys do to earn money for the steel that they need to build the rocket?

12. What does Ms. Reilly tell the principal after he discovers her giving Homer a book on rocketry?

13. Why do the boys burn down their launch site building?

14. Why does Homer go to work in the mine?

15. What happens that convinces Homer to go back to school and enter the science fair?

16. Why is winning the science fair so important to Homer?

17. What happens to Homer's display in Indianapolis?

18. How does Homer's dad come through for him?

19. What is important about what Homer says to his dad near the end of the movie?

20. What happens to Ms. Reilly?

21. What do the four boys do with their lives after winning the science fair?