

Creative Nonfiction Introduction— *October Sky*

On a sheet of notebook paper, answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. Why do you think Homer's friends were skeptical of his interest in rockets, then later supportive of it? What interests/dreams do you have that your friends may or may not think is popular or possible?
2. Why did Homer's father want him to work in the mine? What are some of the things that hold *you* back from achieving something you want to do?
3. Everyone in Homer's family wanted to get out of Coalwood except his father. How did each member of his family deal with this desire? Is there someplace else other than where you currently live where you would rather be? Why?
4. This is a true story but some parts may have been added or dramatized for the movie. Describe the scenes you think were most accurate and the scenes you think didn't happen. What gave you these impressions?

