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Surprise Me

Learning about nuclear power can be interesting and surprising. What did you learn from this book about the safety of nuclear power that surprised you? Is it more or less safe than you thought? Write down three facts that surprised you. Then write a short paragraph about each, describing why you found each fact surprising.



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Dig Deeper

What questions do you still have about the Chernobyl disaster after reading this book? Do you want to know more about what happened to people with radiation sickness? Or about the safety of nuclear power plants? Write down one or two questions that can guide you in your research. With an adult's help, find a few reliable sources that can help answer your questions. Write a few sentences about how you did your research and what you learned from it.



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Another View

There are many different sources about the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant. Each source is a little bit different. Ask a trusted adult to help you find another source about Chernobyl. Write a short essay comparing and contrasting the new source's point of view with that of this book's author. What is the point of view of each author? How are they similar or different and why?



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You Are There

Both primary sources in this book were written by people who had firsthand experiences of the Chernobyl disaster. Imagine you were a firefighter or a plant worker. Write a journal entry about the day of the disaster. Remember to record how you found out about the explosion, what you did, and how you felt afterward.