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Nuclear Energy

Say What?

Studying nuclear power and physics can mean learning a lot of new vocabulary. Find five words in this book you've never heard before. Use a dictionary to find out what they mean. Then write the meanings in your own words, and use each word in a new sentence.



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Surprise Me

Chapter Four discusses the many ways nuclear power might be used in the future. After reading this chapter, what two or three facts about the future of nuclear power did you find most surprising? Write a few sentences about each fact. Why did you find each fact surprising?



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Tell the Tale

Chapter Two discusses the experiments physicists conducted to learn about nuclear energy. Imagine you live in the 1800s and are trying to learn more about radioactivity. What questions do you want to answer about this mysterious form of energy? What kinds of experiments would you design to answer these questions? Write 200 words about your ideas.



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Another View

This book talks about the benefits and downsides of nuclear power. As you know, every source is different. Ask a librarian or another adult to help you find another source about this topic. 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 and why? How are they different and why?



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