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GREAT MINDS OF SCIENCE

Marie Curie

Dig Deeper

After reading this book, what questions do you still have about Marie Curie and her discoveries? Do you want to learn more about how she discovered new elements? Or about how radioactivity works? Write down one or two questions that can guide you in doing research. With an adult's help, find a few reliable sources about Curie and her work 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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Take a Stand

Marie and Pierre Curie did not realize how dangerous radioactive elements such as polonium and radium were to humans. They did not recognize their own symptoms as a result of the radiation. Pretend you are a scientist working in Curie's lab. Write a letter to her about why you think exposure to radioactivity is dangerous. Be sure to back up your claims with evidence you found in this book.



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Another View

This book has a lot of information about Marie Curie's contributions to science. As you know, every source is different. Ask a librarian or another adult to help you find another source about Marie Curie. 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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Tell the Tale

Chapter Five of this book discusses Curie's fleet of cars able to transport X-ray equipment to wounded soldiers during World War I. Write 200 words that tell the story of a young woman driving X-ray equipment to army hospital camps. Describe the sights and sounds of war. Are the soldiers grateful for the equipment? Be sure to set the scene, develop a sequence of events, and write a conclusion.



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