Think About It!

**Close-Reading Questions:** Read the story “The Space Rock” in the March/April 2019 issue. Then go back and reread sections of the article to answer the questions below.

1. a. Read the first section. What does Karl mean when he says “I was feelin’ sorta blue”?

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   b. Why was he feeling this way?

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2. What does Karl compare in the simile “Then whump-whump-whump like a flat tire”?

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3. Read “The Rock Arrives.” Why does Daddy pick up Karl and hold him tight?


4. What does Karl compare in the simile “The magnet stood up like a soldier at attention”?


5. a. What does Brother say created the meteorite?


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b. Why does Daddy stare at Brother “as if he had lost his mind”?

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6. Read “Daddy’s Idea.” What does Daddy’s idea to move the meteorite to a new museum in town show about his character?

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7. What does Daddy mean by “I believe that getting what you need out of something is better than getting all that you can out of something”?

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8. Read “The Choice Is Made.” What does Karl mean when he writes in his poem that the space rock “stopped the ghosts from coming around”?

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Critical-Thinking Question (a big question about the whole article):

9. On page 15, Karl says that something passed overhead “like a thundercloud moving a million miles an hour.” After the space rock lands, he says that “it was quiet, like the Earth and everything on it was holdin’ its breath.” What do these similes mean? How do they help you understand what Karl saw and heard?

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