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Think About It!

Close-Reading Questions: Read "The Evil Swirling Darkness." Then go back and reread sections of the article to answer the questions below.

1. On the morning of May 22, 2011, how did Ethan and Bennett Satterlee feel? How did Jeff Piotrowski feel? Why were the boys' feelings different from Jeff's?

2. Reread the section "Tornado Mysteries." Why are tornadoes difficult to predict?

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3. The section "False Alarms" says that most people in Joplin weren't concerned about tornadoes. Why not?

4. In the section "Impossible to See," what did Jeff Piotrowski see? What did he do next?

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5. Reread the section "Vicious Attack." Write three details that tell you how powerful the tornado was.

6. What were the Satterlees most worried about during the tornado?

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7. The Satterlees lost a lot in the tornado. But how do they feel about what happened?

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

8. How did Jeff and his wife help people in Joplin like the Satterlees? Think about what they did before and after the tornado.
