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# Think About It!

**Close-Reading Questions:** After reading "The Flaming Sky," go back and reread sections to answer the questions below.

**1.** Reread the first section. What were two reasons Werner Franz felt lucky to work on the *Hindenburg*?

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**2.** Reread the section "The Joy of Zeppelins." Why might people have preferred to cross the Atlantic Ocean by zeppelin rather than by ocean liner in the 1930s?

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**3.** Based on the section "Famous for Safety," why did the *Hindenburg* use hydrogen gas instead of helium gas for its lifting power? What was dangerous about hydrogen?

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**4.** In the section "Just 32 Seconds," which details help you understand how terrible Werner's experience was?

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**5.** What do most experts think caused the *Hindenburg* to catch fire?

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**6.** What effect did the *Hindenburg* explosion have on zeppelin travel?

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**7.** How did the disaster affect Werner?

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**Critical-Thinking Questions:** After answering the close-reading questions, answer the critical-thinking questions below, thinking about the meaning of the whole article.

**8.** What is one main idea that has to do with Werner? What is one main idea that has to do with the importance of the *Hindenburg*?

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**9.** Would you travel on a zeppelin today if it were powered by helium? Use details from the article to explain your answer.

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