

Extra Credit for *Carrie Barefoot Dickerson: Showdown at Blackfox*

About Nuclear Power

Book: Kaku, Michio and Jennifer Trainer. (Eds.) *Nuclear Power, Both Sides: the Best Arguments for and Against the Most Controversial Technology*. New York : Norton, 1982.

Book: Kidd, J. S. and Renee A. Kidd. *Quarks and Sparks: the Story of Nuclear Power*. New York : Facts On File, 1999.

Book: Snedden, Robert. *Nuclear Energy*. Chicago, IL : Heinemann Library, 2002.

Anti-Nuclear

Website: [End the Nuclear Age](#). An anti-nuclear energy site maintained by Greenpeace International.

Website: [Issues: Nuclear Weapons, Waste & Energy](#). Natural Resources Defense Council.

Pro-Nuclear

Website: [American Nuclear Society](#)

Website: [Nuclear Energy Institute](#)

About Rachel Carson

Book: Landau, Elaine. *Rachel Carson and the Environmental Movement*. New York : Children's Press, 2004.

Book: Levine, Ellen. *Rachel Carson: a Twentieth-Century Life*. New York : Viking, 2007.

Website: [The Life and Legacy of Rachel Carson](#). Maintained by Carson's biographer, Linda Lear.

About Renewable Energy Sources

Book: Bowden, Rob. *Energy*. San Diego : Kidhaven Press, 2004.

Book: Jefferis, David. *Green Power: Eco-Energy Without Pollution*. New York : Crabtree Pub., 2006.

Book: Snedden, Robert. *Energy Alternatives*. Chicago, IL : Heinemann Library, 2002.

Website: [Renewable Energy Sources](#). A resource guide for students.

Website: [Energy Kid's Page](#). Maintained by the U.S. Dept. of Energy.

About Wind Power

Book: Graham, Ian. *Wind Power*. Austin, TX : Raintree Steck-Vaughn, 1999.

Book: Petersen, Christine. *Wind Power*. New York : Children's Press, 2004.

Website: [Wind Energy Works](#). A list of resources maintained by a national alliance of organizations that supports wind energy development.

Website: [Build a Wind Turbine](#). Lists science fair projects focusing on wind power, including how to build a wind turbine generator (difficulty level: high school).

Video: [St. Olaf College Gets a Wind Turbine](#). YouTube footage shows the construction of a wind turbine at a Northfield, Minnesota college.

About the Chernobyl Nuclear Disaster

Book: Cheney, Glenn Alan. *Chernobyl: the Ongoing Story of the World's Deadliest Nuclear Disaster*. New York : New Discovery Books, 1993.

Book: Nardo, Don. *Chernobyl*. San Diego, Calif. : Lucent Books, 1990.

Website: [Chernobyl Accident](#). Information from the World Nuclear Association.

Website: [Chernobyl Disaster](#). Maintained by the BBC.

Fun Stuff

[Carrie Dickerson Criss Cross](#)
[Carrie Dickerson Word Search](#)

Discussion Questions

What two things strengthened Carrie's desire to investigate the hazards of radiation exposure to human beings?

How did Carrie raise the money to challenge the building of Black Fox nuclear power plant?

What core characteristics did Carrie rely on to deal with the anger she felt against the government and those who were planning to build the nuclear power plant?

In what ways did Carrie voice her opposition to a government action she disagreed with? How did she try to influence public opinion?

A Chinese proverb states: "A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step." How does Carrie's battle against Black Fox compare to a journey of a thousand miles? What was the first step in her journey? Which do you believe was the most difficult step to navigate?

Carrie lost her beloved husband during the middle of her struggle. She became ill and had to mortgage the family farm. In your opinion, was the fight against Black Fox worth the consequences Carrie faced? Why or why not?

Think of an issue that would motivate you to invest time, energy and money. Outline a plan in which you 1) identify the problem; 2) create a plan to implement change; and, 3) attempt to influence public opinion.