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Homework

Connecting your experiences to **The Big Nothing**

Justin and his mom watched the war begin on TV. While Justin watches the bombs fall, he knows that Duane may be in danger.

Here are some quotes to remind you about what you read:

“It’s almost ten o’clock when the war begins. The first barrage of Baghdad doesn’t last long. A few bombs explode over the city. Antiaircraft fire crackles from the ground, lighting up the smoky air.” (page 178)

“Trenches filled with oil are in flames...” (page 178)

“In all the time I watch, the cameras never show a single human, alive or dead. It’s all smoke and ka-boom, about as real as a video game.” (page 178)

Think of a time when someone you care about was in danger. What was the danger? How did you feel?

Write a paragraph or two about your experience. Try to include cause and effect sentences with the connecting words *since* or *because*.

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