October Sky

- **Director:** Joe Johnston
- **Actors:** William Lee Scott, Chad Lindberg, Elya Baskin, Chris Owen, Laura Dern, Chris Cooper ...más
- **USA.**
- **Released in 1999**
- **Genre:** Biography, Drama; family

The story takes place in Coalwood, a small mining village located in West Virginia. There lives Homer, a seventeen year old teenager. He is the mine manager’s son. In the mine everybody works hard and there were a lot of layoffs because the mine was running out of coal. Because of that, the people were getting very poor and the village was dying.

In 1957 the Soviet Union launched a rocket called Sputnik. The satellite was seen from Earth and it was able to complete Earth’s orbit in 96 min. Homer saw that and he wanted to built his own rocket but at first nobody wanted to help him and they said it was a big deal because they thought that going to the university was impossible for him. Only good American football players could get a scholarships. Apart from them everybody had to work in the poor mine because they weren’t any other industries but if they win the scientific fair first price they’ll go to the university.

Homer decided to talk to a very intelligent boy that everybody thought he was a weirdo, an unconventional and rare person. They started to read some very advanced math books and they started to make some rockets. At first all their trials failed and some of the rockets exploded. One day a forest fire was produced and the police though it was the boys' fault. They couldn’t go to the fair so they couldn’t get a scholarship. Homer’s father had an accident and the workers of the mine went on strike because they wanted to have better conditions of work and a bigger salary.

Homer had to work to maintain his family but he didn’t want to. He did some calculations and he proved that the rocket fell in a river so it couldn’t cause the fire.

They started to make rockets again and they won the first price. Then, a lot of important universities offered them to study in their campus.

At the end the mine closed and the city died because of poverty.

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Year 1957, Coalwood West Virginia. Homer is a 17 year old student who wants to build a rocket with his friend to participate in a country science fair because he saw the Sputnik on TV.

Sputnik was the first Earth-orbiting artificial satellite. It was launched on the 1957 by the Sovietic Union.

Homer's idol was Wernher Von Braun who was an German-American rocket scientist and he wanted to meet him and to be like him.

To build the rocket they had to help for the help of clever boy, a weirdo, and a welder. The first time the rocket didn't work. The first rocket broke the fences of the house. One of the rockets went to the forest.

A rocket is a missile which obtains thrust by ejecting a jet of fast moving.

At the end they won the country science fair competition because they had the best experiment.

Homer reconciliates with his father.

The end

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