Video Discussion Questions

Directions: Watch the Behind the Scenes video “The Great Halifax Explosion.” Then answer the questions below.

1. Based on the video, what major world event was happening in 1917? What role did the city of Halifax, Nova Scotia, play in this event?

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2. How does the section of the video about the Halifax explosion (1:20 to 1:54) help you understand how the disaster affected the city? Consider the music, narration, and visuals.

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3. According to the video, what is narrative nonfiction? What did author Kristin Lewis learn during her trip to Halifax that helped her write a narrative nonfiction article?

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4. In the video, Lewis explains that Halifax-based author Janet Kitz has “written the stories of many survivors” of the explosion. Why might this project be important?

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