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*Smoke Signals* Questions

1. What happens with the Gymnast?

What does this show about Victor?

What does this show about Thomas?

1. Why did Arlene (Victor’s mom) decide to stop drinking?
2. Why did Arnold leave?
3. Why did Victor attack Thomas?
4. What advice does Victor give Thomas when they’re riding in the bus (this should be a list)

Do you think it’s good advice? Explain.

1. What do they sing about?

Why do you think they do that?

Once they get to Phoenix and they’re walking to Arnold Joseph’s trailer:

1. What’s with the water bottle?
2. What story does Thomas tell about Arlene?

Why does he tell the story?

1. What do we learn about Arnold from Suzy’s stories?
2. What does Victor find in the trailer?

Why does he cut his hair?

1. What does Thomas mean when he says that Victor left his mom even though they live in the same house?
2. What does Victor mean by “everything burns up”
3. What happened in the accident?
4. Why does Victor go for help?  What does he think about as he runs?
5. What does Victor mean when he says “a wreck’s a wreck”?
6. What does Thomas mean when he says, we were in two wrecks last night?
7. What happens with the sheriff?

Why do you think the sheriff did that?

1. Explain what’s happening in these scenes and why they’re important:

Punting the basketball

  Starting the truck

Burning the trailer