



ACTIVITY 1

Now that you have seen the play, discuss with a larger group or the whole class the following topics:

Emily and Roscoe have different reasons being on Mars. What are the differences and how do they affect their mission?

Is the colonization of Mars a utopian dream or is it eventually a possibility?^{1, 3}

Imagine there is a colony in Mars. What would be the utopian vision of the society? What would be the dystopian one?

Would you want to go to Mars yourself? Would you go even though it was a one-way mission?

ACTIVITY 2

Write a short essay about how you envisage the future? How do you imagine that space exploration will develop?

ACTIVITY 3

Imagine you have been chosen to be a Mars One astronaut. Please give 3 min TED Talk why it is so important for human beings to go to Mars.

ACTIVITY 4

Imagine you are on Mars, sharing a small hab with other Astronauts. There is no privacy, food is scarce, lot of the equipment is broken and tensions are rising.² Help is coming soon but only two of the Astronauts will get to go home with the return Spacecraft. The rest will have to wait another year. Divide the glass into groups of eight astronauts and assign each of them one of the following characters. Improvise a short scene in which the Astronauts try to decide which two of them go home.

1. Astronaut, aeronautical engineer
2. Astronaut, agricultural expert
3. Astronaut, electrical engineer
4. Astronaut, medical doctor
5. Astronaut, flight engineer
6. Astronaut, geologist, physicist
7. Astronaut, food chemist, cook
8. Astronaut, psychiatrist, stress management expert

The **terraforming of Mars** is the hypothetical process by which Mars' climate and surface would be deliberately changed to make large areas of the environment hospitable to humans, thus making the colonization of Mars safer and sustainable. Ethical considerations of terraforming include the potential displacement or destruction of indigenous life, even if only microbial.



INTERESTING READS

- 1 **The Promise of Mars article by Robert Zubrin:**
<http://www.nss.org/settlement/mars/zubrin-promise.html>
- 2 **Mars Mission Experiment in Hawaii:**
<http://time.com/4463158/mars-hawaii-astronauts/>
- 3 **SpaceX's Elon Musk announces vision to colonize Mars:**
<http://spaceflightnow.com/2016/09/27/spacexs-elon-musk-announces-vision-for-colonizing-mars/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0agVZwux1Hs>



"...HOLD STILL, LARRY, IT'S TAKING ANOTHER PICTURE..."

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