MISSION TO MARS



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Instructions:

The United States government needs your help. A two-year life experiment has been authorized to figure out how well people would be able to handle a trip to Mars. Current technology predicts it will take 8 months on board the spacecraft to travel to Mars, 8 months to actually be on Mars, and 8 months to return home. Your job is to select a crew of 7 people out of the 12 that have volunteered and justify why you would bring those people. Items to include for all 7 would be the following:

How to Show Your Crew:

-PowerPoint	-Brochure	-Essay
-Prezi	-Poster	
-Other Ideas?		

Terms to Know:

- **Optimist** A person who has a more positive outlook
- Pessimist A person who has a more negative outlook
- Intrinsic A person who is motivated by themselves
- Extrinsic A person who is motivated by outside sources (money, rewards, etc.)
- **Introvert** A person who prefers to be alone or with a smaller group of people
- Extrovert A person who prefers large groups of people rather than being alone

What is So Special about Mars?

NASA has been studying Mars for many years trying to figure out if human life could exist on our closest planet. The main issue is water and oxygen. Human life needs water to survive so if Mars is discovered to have a water supply then the possibility becomes greater. Just getting to Mars is a challenge, but other factors about Mars need to be considered if humans are someday going to live there. Here are four:

Factor #1:

It is COLD on Mars! Mars might reach 70°F at the Equator at noon and then quickly drop, but it can get as cold as -225°F at the poles! This is just way too cold for humans to endure.

Factor #2:

Mars isn't as big as the Earth. In fact Mars is about half the size of Earth and many people say Earth is already overcrowded.

Factor #3:

It is windy on Mars. The wind blows on average about 20 mph on Mars and sometimes gets up to 60 mph. To put that in perspective, a Category 1 Hurricane starts at 74 mph.

Factor #4:

The soil has a lot of iron in it which is why it gives off that rusty color. That, combined with the lack of water, and different atmospheric conditions would make growing vegetation impossible.

Mission to Mars Crew Candidates

John Anderson

Age: 43 I.Q.: 112 Health: good (some lung problems from smoking) Education/Training: 2 years college, 2 years army Work Experience: 15 years farming successfully Intrinsic or Extrinsic: Intrinsic Optimist or Pessimist: Optimist Introvert or Extrovert: Extrovert Relationship Status: Divorced (One daughter)



Meredith Anderson

Age: 13 I.Q.: 120 Health: Excellent Education/Training: 7th grader, passed baby-sitting class Work Experience: Baby-Sitter for 2 years Intrinsic or Extrinsic: Intrinsic Optimist or Pessimist: Optimist Introvert or Extrovert: Introvert Relationship Status: Likes a boy in her science class ⁽ⁱ⁾



Brenda Davis

Age: 50 I.Q.: 140 Health: Fair (slight heart murmur) Education/Training: Master's Degree in Psychology Work Experience: Psychologist, specializes in stress (25 years) Intrinsic or Extrinsic: Extrinsic Optimist or Pessimist: Pessimist Introvert or Extrovert: Introvert Relationship Status: Married for 28 years (4 kids)



Roger Trudelle

Age: 27 I.Q.: 104 Health: Excellent Education/Training: High School Graduate Work Experience: 8 years on an oil rig Intrinsic or Extrinsic: Intrinsic Optimist or Pessimist: Optimist Introvert or Extrovert: Extrovert Relationship Status: Married (2 kids)



Genevieve Garcia

Age: 23 I.Q.: 105 Health: Fair Education/Training: High School Graduate Work Experience: 1 year selling Real Estate (made \$400,000) Intrinsic or Extrinsic: Extrinsic Optimist or Pessimist: Optimist Introvert or Extrovert: Extrovert Relationship Status: Single (no children)



Robert Lindquist

Age: 60 I.Q.: 127 Health: Good Education/Training: College Graduate (Business Degree) Work Experience: Bank President (30 years) Intrinsic or Extrinsic: Intrinsic Optimist or Pessimist: Optimist Introvert or Extrovert: Extrovert Relationship Status: Married 39 years (3 kids, 8 grandchildren)



Michael Hanson

Age: 45 I.Q.: 135 Health: Fair Education/Training: High School Graduate Work Experience: Plumber (24 years) Intrinsic or Extrinsic: Intrinsic Optimist or Pessimist: Pessimist Introvert or Extrovert: Introvert Relationship Status: Widower (3 children)



Rebecca Johnson

Age: 31 I.Q.: 142 Health: Good Education/Training: PhD in Computer Science Work Experience: Professor for 3 years Intrinsic or Extrinsic: Extrinsic Optimist or Pessimist: Optimist Introvert or Extrovert: Extrovert Relationship Status: Widow (1 child/Elijah)



Elijah Johnson Age: 8 I.Q.: 170 Health: Excellent Education/Training: 3rd grade student Work Experience: None Intrinsic or Extrinsic: Intrinsic Optimist or Pessimist: Optimist Introvert or Extrovert: Introvert Relationship Status: Single (still thinks girls have cooties)

David Greenbow

Age: 33

I.Q.: 125 Health: Fair (Uses a cane due to car accident 9 years ago) Education/Training: Master's Degree in Chemistry Work Experience: 10 years as a Chemistry Teacher Intrinsic or Extrinsic: Extrinsic Optimist or Pessimist: Pessimist Introvert or Extrovert: Introvert Relationship Status: Married (2 kids, wife is pregnant)



Sophia Lawrence

Age: 39 I.Q.: 145 Health: Poor (cancer...doctors say she has 3 years to live) Education/Training: Medical Degree Work Experience: 9 years as ER doctor Intrinsic or Extrinsic: Intrinsic Optimist or Pessimist: Optimist Introvert or Extrovert: Extrovert Relationship Status: Married (1 child...6 months old)



Miles Bernard

Age: 54 I.Q.: 132 Health: Excellent Education/Training: Highly Trained in Electronics Work Experience: 25 years navy, 10 years private sector Intrinsic or Extrinsic: Extrinsic Optimist or Pessimist: Optimist Introvert or Extrovert: Introvert Relationship Status: Divorced twice/Remarried (no children)

