

WE ARE AT A POINT IN HUMAN HISTORY UNSEEN SINCE THE 1600S! HUMANS HAVE NOT HAD A BIG COLONIZATION PROJECT IN A FEW HUNDRED YEARS. FOR THE FIRST TIME IN RECORDED HISTORY, WE ARE REALISTICALLY LOOKING AT COLONIZING A COMPLETELY (SO FAR AS WE KNOW) UNINHABITED AREA. EVEN MORE EXCITING, WE WILL BE COLONIZING ANOTHER PLANET!

THE MISSION:

YOU HAVE BEEN CHOSEN TO JOIN A GROUP OF TRAVELERS GOING TO MARS IN 2028. OUR PLAN IS SIMILAR TO THE MARS-ONE PLAN. THE FOLKS RUNNING MARS-ONE ACTUALLY APPROPRIATED OUR PLANS, SO BY US GETTING TO MARS FIRST, WE CAN BE VINDICATED IN OUR COMPLAINTS THAT OUR IDEAS WERE COPIED. CURRENTLY, OUR SHIPS AND EQUIPMENT ARE THE SAME AS WHAT IS LISTED ON THE MARS-ONE SITE. TO PREVENT ANY FURTHER LOSS OF OUR IDEAS, WE WILL NOT SHARE ANY FURTHER DESIGNS OF EQUIPMENT OUTSIDE OF OUR GROUP. USE THEIR SITE TO SEE THE EQUIPMENT WITH WHICH WE WILL START OUR PLANS. (AS WE MAKE CHANGES TO THE EQUIPMENT AND PLAN, WE WILL NOT ALLOW MARS-ONE TO ACCESS OUR IDEAS.) WE WILL LAUNCH IN SEVERAL STAGES AND USE UNMANNED AND ROBOTIC UNITS FOR THE INITIAL COLONIZATION PREPARATION WORK. THE FIRST TEAM OF EIGHT HUMANS WILL FOLLOW. AFTER HUMANS HAVE ESTABLISHED THEMSELVES, WE WILL EXPAND THE COLONY BY SENDING MORE EQUIPMENT TO ALLOW FURTHER EXPANSION OF THE COLONY. AFTER THE COLONY SITE IS EXPANDED, WE WILL SEND MORE COLONISTS. WE WILL REPEAT THIS CYCLE 8 TIMES UNTIL WE HAVE A COLONY OF 64 HUMANS LIVING ON MARS.

NOW, YOU MAY
BE THINKING,
"COLONIZE MARS!
IS HE CRAZY?!"





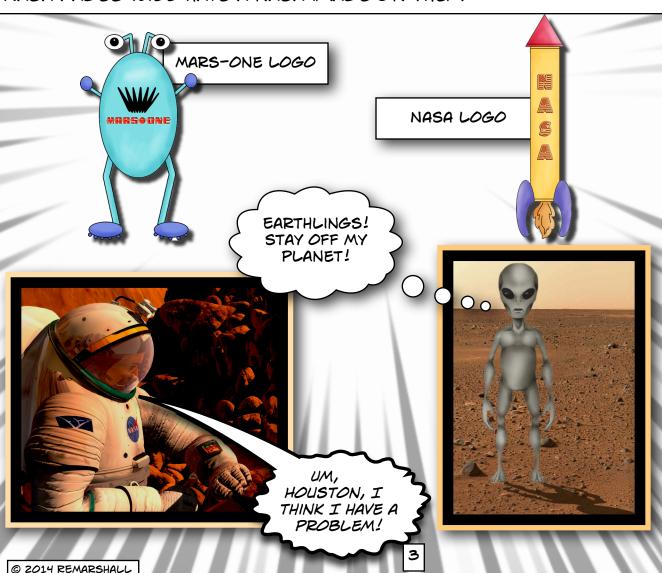
I'M NOT CRAZY. THERE ARE CURRENTLY TWO PLANS TO GO TO MARS. ONE IS MARS ONE, WHOSE WEBSITE YOU WILL VISIT SHORTLY. THE OTHER IS NASA.

MARS ONE IS A PRIVATELY FUNDED GROUP WHO HAS DEVELOPED A THOROUGH PLAN TO COLONIZE MARS IN THE YEAR 2031.

NASA---WHO HAS BEEN TO THE MOON AND BACK SEVERAL TIMES---IS PLANNING TO HAVE COLONISTS ON MARS IN 2030S.

OUR MISSION IS TO GET INFORMATION ON THE CHALLENGES AND RISKS FACED BY MARS COLONISTS AND THEN DEVELOP OUR OWN PLAN TO GET OUR COLONISTS, THAT WOULD BE YOU, TO MARS IN 2028.

FIRST THINGS FIRST, THOUGH. BEFORE WE CAN WORK OUT OUR IDEAS ABOUT THE MISSION, YOU NEED SOME BACKGROUND INFO. YOUR JOB IS TO USE THE NEXT PAGES TO RESEARCH INFORMATION ABOUT MARS-ONE AND NASA'S PLANS TO COLONIZE MARS. TO HELP YOU STAY ORGANIZED, MARS-ONE PAGES WILL HAVE MARS-ONE IMAGE ON THEM. NASA PAGES WILL HAVE A NASA IMAGE ON THEM.



LET'S LOOK AT MARS-ONE FIRST. THEIR WEBSITE IS MARS-ONE-COM, USE IT AS A BEGINNING REFERENCE TO FIND THE INFORMATION NEEDED BELOW. THERE ARE OTHER NEWS ARTICLES AND SOURCE YOU COULD FIND IF NEEDED.

1. WHAT IS THE GOAL OF MARS-ONE? TELL ME WHY THEY ARE GOING TO MARS AND WHAT THEY PLAN TO GAIN FROM THIS PLANNED TRIP.

2. WHO IS FUNDING THIS MISSION? WHY? (HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?)

3. WHO IS DIRECTING THIS MISSION? DO YOU THINK THEY HAVE THE ABILITY TO SUCCESSFULLY RUN THE MISSION? WHY?

4. WHAT IS THE MISSION TIMELINE? ANSWER THIS BY USING BULLET POINTS TO HIGHLIGHT IMPORTANT MILESTONES.

5. WHAT TYPE OF PEOPLE DO THEY WANT FOR THEIR CREW? WHAT ARE THEIR QUALIFICATIONS? HAVE THEY CHOSEN ANYONE, YET? IF YES, WHO AND HOW HOW HAVE THEY CHOSEN THEM?

G. WOULD YOU SIGN UP FOR MARS-ONE AS AN ASTRONAUT? MAKE A LIST OF THE REASONS YOU WOULD GO AND A LIST OF THE REASONS YOU WOULD NOT GO. WHAT IS YOUR FINAL DECISION? WHY?

NOW LET'S LOOK AT NASA. A GOOD STARTING POINT IS THE NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXTREME EXPLORER MAGAZINE ARTICLE I HAVE INCLUDED AT THE BACK OF THIS PACKET. ANOTHER SOURCE IS NASA'S WEBSITE: WWW-NASA-GOV/OFFICES/MARSPLANNING/FAQS/ TO FIND INFO ABOUT THEIR MARS PLANS, USE IT AS A BEGINNING REFERENCE TO FIND THE INFORMATION NEEDED BELOW. THERE IS ALSO A VIDEO AT HTTP://VIDEO-NATIONALGEOGRAPHIC-COM/VIDEO/SCIENCE/SPACE-SCI/EXPLORATION/MISSION-MARS-SCI/ABOUT THE NASA PLAN. THERE ARE OTHER NEWS ARTICLES AND SOURCES YOU COULD FIND IF NEEDED.

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