Through live interactions with NASA engineers and exploring the Launch Pad and The Lab, complete this worksheet to demonstrate your knowledge of space exploration. This worksheet will not be turned in and for your own use to demonstrate knowledge of space exploration.

**PURPOSE OF SPACE EXPLORATION**

Explain the purpose of space exploration in each of the following areas:

**Benefits related to Earth’s resources & technology –**

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**International relations –**

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**Immediate goals in terms of specific knowledge –**

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**Historical reasons –**

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On the next page, design a collector’s card, with a picture on the front and information on the back, about your favorite space pioneer.
List four other space pioneers and what they are known for. Make sure to include this information on your collectors card for your other space pioneer.

Pioneer #1 = __________________________________________
Known for = __________________________________________

Pioneer #2 = __________________________________________
Known for = __________________________________________

Pioneer #3 = __________________________________________
Known for = __________________________________________

Pioneer #4 = __________________________________________
Known for = __________________________________________
ROCKETS

Draw and label each of the following parts of a rocket your drawing of a rocket. Then define or explain its purpose.

Body Tube = ____________________________________________________
Engine Mount = _________________________________________________
Fins = __________________________________________________________
Ignitor = _________________________________________________________
Launch Lug = ___________________________________________________
Nose Cone = ____________________________________________________
Payload = _______________________________________________________
Recovery System = ______________________________________________
Rocket Engine = _________________________________________________
Explain each of the following:

The law of action-reaction
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How rocket engines work
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How satellites stay in orbit
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How satellite pictures of Earth and pictures of other planets are made and transmitted
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Choose TWO of the following on the next page(s) to complete requirement 5 for Space Exploration Merit Badge.

1. Learn about a robotic space exploration mission and a historic crewed mission. Tell about each mission's major discoveries, its importance, and what was learned from it about the planets, moons, or regions of space explored.
Robotic Space Exploration Mission
Major discoveries
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Importance
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What was learned
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Historic Crewed Space Exploration Mission
Major discoveries
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Importance
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What was learned
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2. Using magazine photographs, news clippings, and electronic articles (such as from the Internet), make a scrapbook about a current planetary mission.

3. Design a robotic mission to another planet, moon, comet, or asteroid that will return samples of its surface to Earth. Make sure to name the planet/moon/asteroid/comet your spacecraft will visit.

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How will your design cope with the conditions of the environments of the planet, moon, comet, or asteroid.
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On the next page describe the purpose, operation, and components of ONE of the following:
• Space shuttle or any other crewed orbital vehicle, whether government-owned (U.S. or foreign) or commercial
• International Space Station
1. Space shuttle or any other crewed orbital vehicle, whether government-owned (U.S. or foreign) or commercial

Purpose

Operation

Components

2. International Space Station

Purpose

Operation

Components
Design an inhabited base located within our solar system, such as Titan, asteroids, or other locations that humans might want to explore in person. Make drawings or a model of your base.

**Explain how will you plan for the following:**

Source of energy

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How it will be constructed

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Life-support system

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Purpose and function

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Explore two possible careers in space exploration that interest you.

**Career #1 =____________________________**

Qualifications
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Education
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Preparations
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Major Responsibilities
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**Career #2 =____________________________**

Qualifications
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Education
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Preparations
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Major Responsibilities
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