## Star Station

**Stardate**: Sometime in the not-to-distant future

**The Challenge**: The president has announced that the first space colony will be built on the moon. The stations ware to be self-sufficient for one year. She has decided to accept proposals from many teams to design the "Space Station Habitat." Seven teams selected to present proposals are in this science class.



### Part 1 Initial Planning Stage:

- \* Brainstorm with your group
- ★ Create a <u>list of what living things (humans, animals, plants) need to survive</u> write your list in your Space Journal
  - Food
  - Water
  - Shelter
  - ???????
  - ???????
- ★ Use the research materials in the classroom to help make your list. Make a note in your journal of the source of information in case you need to refer to it later.

# Part 2 Continued Planning Stage:

- **★** Brainstorm with your group
- ★ Generate a list of what you need to know about the moon write your questions in your Space Journal
  - Atmosphere
  - Geography
  - Temperature
  - Length of day & night
  - ??????????
- ★ Use the research materials in the classroom to answer your questions in your Space Journal. Make a note in your journal of the source of information in case you need to refer to it later.
  - Your text book
  - Other books
  - Internet
  - Handouts



## Part 3 Final Planning Stage:

★ Based on what you now know about the moon & the requirements for life, create a list of what will be needed to survive on the moon for 1 year. Write this list in your Space Journal

## Part 4 Initial Design Stage:

- Now that you know what is necessary for living on the moon, <u>design a station / habitat suitable for 50 humans living on the moon for 1 year</u>. There will be no trips back to Earth during this time. The habitat must be completely self-sustaining.
  - Brainstorm ideas in your group first write down notes & ideas in your Space Journal
  - Come to consensus (this means you all agree) on what must be in the habitat
  - Use plain white paper to make a "rough draft" or preliminary design of the habitat.
    - Discuss what will work in this habitat and what must be changed
    - Revise the habitat as needed
      - Keep ALL copies of designs. Staple these together.
  - Repeat the drawing & revision process until the group is satisfied that a good design has been created.



## Part 5 Final Design Stage:

- ★ Use the art paper, map pencils, and a ruler to make a quality drawing of your space habitat.
  - Label all parts of the habitat
  - Use color to show the different parts of the habitat
  - Neatness is important

## Part 6 Presentation Stage:

- ★ You must be able to convince NASA and the president that your habitat will truly support life for an extended period of time. To do this you must include a <u>written description</u> of your station / habitat with your drawing.
  - It must include:
    - A description of ALL conditions necessary for human survival on the moon
    - An explanation of how the station / habitat meets those conditions for survival
    - A description of factors included in the habitat that are not necessary for life, but were included to make the year-long stay as pleasant as possible
    - A cover sheet for your written proposal with the names of the Design Team & the name of the habitat

### **Evaluation**

These are the rubrics that will be used to assess your project.
Use them to guide your work. Refer to them often to make sure you are "on track."

| Part 1: Initial Planning Stage |  |   |   |  |                 |  |
|--------------------------------|--|---|---|--|-----------------|--|
|                                | Exemplary<br>(100)   | Proficient<br>(90)  | Beginning<br>(80)   | Incomplete<br>(70)   | Missing<br>(0)  |  |
| Space Journal<br>Response      | Evidence of much thought and research. Extensive list of ideas. Many resources used to gather information. | Evidence of some thought and research. Significant list of ideas. Several resources used to gather information. | Evidence of some thought and research. Inaccurate in formation recorded. Few resources used to gather in formation. | Evidence of limited effort in generating ideas and gathering in formation. Few or no sources used to gather information. Inaccurate information. | No<br>response. |  |
| Total Points:                  |  |   |   |  |                 |  |

#### Part 1 Grade

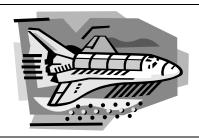
| Part 2: Continued Planning Stage                        |  |   |   |   |                 |  |  |
|---|--|---|---|---|-----------------|--|--|
|   | Exemplary<br>(50)                                  | Proficient<br>(45)                                  | Beginning<br>(40)                                   | Incomplete<br>(35)  | Missing<br>(0)  |  |  |
| Space Journal<br>Response –<br>What you<br>need to know | Evidence of much thought. Extensive list of ideas. | Evidence of some thought Significant list of ideas. | Evidence of some thought. Inadequate list of ideas, | Evidence of limited effort in generating ideas. Very limited list of ideas. | No<br>response. |  |  |

|  | Evidence of<br>much<br>thought and<br>research.<br>Many | Evidence of<br>some<br>thought and<br>research.<br>Several | Evidence of some thought and research. Inaccurate in formation | Evidence of limited effort in gathering in formation. Few or no         | No<br>response. |
|--|---|--|--|---|-----------------|
| Space Journal<br>Response –<br>What you<br>found out | resources<br>used to<br>gather<br>information.          | resources<br>used to<br>gather<br>information.             | recorded. Few resources used to gather in formation.           | sources used<br>to gather<br>information.<br>Inaccurate<br>information. |                 |
| Total Points:  |   |  |  |   |                 |

### Part 2 Grade:

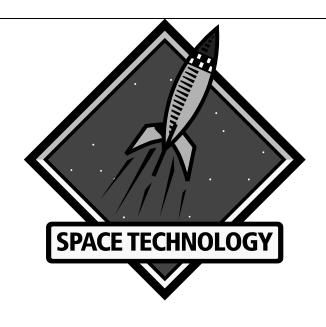
| Part 3: Final Planning Stage |  |  |   |  |                 |  |
|------------------------------|--|--|---|--|-----------------|--|
|                              | Exemplary<br>(100)   | Proficient<br>(90)   | Beginning<br>(80)   | Incomplete<br>(70)   | Missing<br>(0)  |  |
| Space Journal<br>Response    | Evidence of much thought. Extensive list of ideas. Ideas based on considerable research. | Evidence of<br>some<br>thought<br>Significant<br>list of ideas.<br>Ideas based<br>on research. | Evidence of some thought. Inadequate list of ideas. Ideas based on inadequate research. | Evidence of limited effort in generating ideas. Very limited list of ideas. No evidence of research. | No<br>response. |  |
| Total Points:                |  |  |   |  |                 |  |

### Part 3 Grade:



| Part 4: Initial Design Stage                 |   |   |   |  |                              |  |
|--|---|---|---|--|------------------------------|--|
|  | Exemplary<br>(50)   | Proficient<br>(45)  | Beginning<br>(40)   | Incomplete<br>(35)   | Missing<br>(0)               |  |
| Space Journal<br>Response -<br>Brainstorming | Evidence of much thought. Extensive list of ideas. Ideas based on considerable research.            | Evidence of<br>some<br>thought<br>Significant<br>list of ideas.<br>Ideas based<br>on research.      | Evidence of some thought. Inadequate list of ideas. Ideas based on inadequate research.             | Evidence of limited effort in generating ideas. Very limited list of ideas. No evidence of research. | No<br>response.              |  |
| Preliminary<br>Designs                       | Evidence of much planning and revising. At least 4 preliminary designs were considered and revised. | Evidence of some planning and revising. At least 3 preliminary designs were considered and revised. | Evidence of some planning and revising. At least 2 preliminary designs were considered and revised. | Little evidence of planning and revising. One preliminary design was considered.                     | No<br>preliminary<br>designs |  |
| Total Points:                                |   |   |   |  |                              |  |

### Part 4 Grade:



| Part 5: Final Design Stage – Scientific Accuracy |   |  |  |  |                |  |
|--|---|--|--|--|----------------|--|
|  | Exemplary<br>(100)  | Proficient<br>(90)   | Beginning<br>(80)  | Incomplete<br>(70)   | Missing<br>(0) |  |
| Station /<br>Habitat<br>Design                   | All parts of the station / habitat are scientifically reasonable and accurate. Design includes all conditions necessary to sustain life. Design includes conditions not absolutely necessary for survival, but needed to make life more pleasant. | All parts of the station / habitat are scientifically reasonable and accurate. Design includes all conditions necessary to sustain life. | Most parts of the station / habitat are scientifically reasonable and accurate.  Design includes all conditions necessary to sustain life. | Several parts of the station / habitat are not scientifically reasonable or accurate. Design includes most conditions necessary to sustain life. | No design.     |  |
| Total Points:                                    |   |  |  |  |                |  |

### Part 5 Grade 1:

| Part 5: Final Design Stage – Details of Drawing |   |                                       |   |   |                |  |
|---|---|---------------------------------------|---|---|----------------|--|
|   | Exemplary<br>(33)                             | Proficient<br>(30)                    | Beginning<br>(27)                             | Incomplete<br>(24)  | Missing<br>(0) |  |
| Labeling  | All parts of<br>design<br>clearly<br>labeled. | Most parts of design clearly labeled. | Some parts of design labeled. Labels unclear. | Few parts of design labeled. Labels unclear or confusing. | No labels      |  |

|          | Map colors    | Map colors    | Map colors      | Colors are     | No color    |
|----------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------|
|          | appropriately | appropriately | inappropriately | inappropriate. |             |
|          | used to       | used to       | used to         | Do not         |             |
|          | clearly       | identify      | identify        | identify       |             |
| Color    | identify      | different     | different       | sections of    |             |
|          | different     | sections of   | sections of the | the habitat.   |             |
|          | sections of   | the habitat.  | habitat.        | Map colors     |             |
|          | the habitat.  |               | Map colors not  | not used.      |             |
|          |               |               | used.           |                |             |
|          | Writing is    | Writing is    | Writing is      | Writing is     | Extremely   |
| Neatness | neatly        | neatly        | printed.        | hard to read.  | messy,      |
|          | printed.      | printed.      | 2 -3 obvious    | Several        | cannot      |
|          | No obvious    | 1 obvious     | erasure         | obvious        | make out    |
|          | erasure       | erasure       | marks.          | erasure        | any details |
|          | marks.        | mark.         |                 | marks.         | in design.  |

