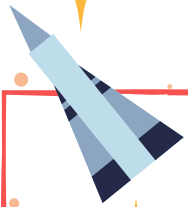




Astropolitics

The politics of outer space includes space treaties, law in space, international cooperation and conflict in space exploration, and the hypothetical political impact of any contact with extraterrestrial intelligence.

Consider the following questions and use the Ladder of Feedback to respond to your peers. This will help to improve your listening and critical thinking skills.

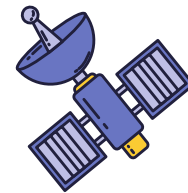


1.

National space agencies may partner with the private sector to reduce short-term costs and spread risks, but what will be the long-term impact of new technologies and intellectual property being owned by companies and not states?

2.

What laws are in place to police what is and isn't allowed to be constructed in orbit?



3.

As the United States, Europe, China, Japan and India all compete to pass new milestones in the exploration of our solar system, would a more collaborative approach be of greater value to humanity?

4.

Is Cold War-like competition exactly what's needed to spark innovation?



5.

In the end, will the private sector dominate the future of Space?

