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A: What is space tourism?

Choose A1 or A2 or A3 for your essay:

A1: Imagine that in 2018 you become the first ever space tourist from the Faroes. Describe your experience and feelings before the trip, while in space and after you return to Earth.

Essay title: Space Holiday 2018



What is space tourism?

Space tourism, in essence, is putting paying customers into space for the purpose of recreation, rather than exploration. Some people involved actually object to the term “tourist,” arguing that it overlooks the training and experiments they undertake, and suggest the term “space participant” or “private astronaut” instead.

Regardless, at this point only seven people have actually gone into space as tourists. Between 2001 and 2009, the Space Adventures company brokered deals between seven multimillionaires and the Russian space agency, sending them to the International Space Station on Russian Soyuz rockets for a week or two, at a cost of \$20 to \$40 million each. These flights have temporarily been put on hold — mainly because the retirement of the Space Shuttle means NASA will pay more to reserve those spots for American astronauts — but they’re expected to start back up in the near future.

If space tourism ever gets carried out by a private company — rather than Russia — it will initially consist of suborbital flights that take tourists just above the 100-kilometer altitude line that’s generally used to distinguish Earth’s atmosphere from space. Virgin Galactic, one of the companies planning to provide these trips, says passengers will be able to experience a few minutes of weightlessness and look down at the curvature of Earth, in exchange for \$250,000 or so per ticket.

The October 2014 crash of Virgin's SpaceShipTwo, which killed one pilot, threw this plan into doubt.

However, after substantial delays resulting from the investigation into the crash, Virgin has pressed onward and commercial space tourism flights look very likely in 2018.

There are a few other companies, including XCOR Aerospace, that plan suborbital flights as well, though they're not quite as far along in testing the technology involved.

Additionally, some companies, such as SpaceX and Boeing, hope to eventually take tourists higher — all the way up into low Earth orbit. Both have mentioned plans to use the same vehicles they're developing to take NASA astronauts to the space station for tourists, though it's a long-term and uncertain idea. Eventually, they could potentially bring tourists to a private space hotel, perhaps built by Bigelow Aerospace, a company that has already launched two experimental inflatable stations into orbit.

A2: Write about the song. What is it about? How well do you think the YouTube video suits the song? What would there be to do for a tourist on the Moon?

Essay title: Ticket to the Moon

You can watch ELO's 1981 hit *Ticket to the Moon* on the front page in Wise-flow



A3: Science Fiction is quite a popular genre. Why do you think that so many people are fascinated by space and science fiction? What is your favorite science fiction story (i.e. novel, feature film or tv series)?

Write an essay about the genre and why your favorite story is a “must” for all others to read/watch.

Essay title: My favorite SciFi

B: It's My Life

Choose B1 or B2 for your essay:

B1: Choose one of the statements below. Write an essay where you provide arguments for and against the statement. Conclude the essay by giving your own opinion.

Essay title: Whose responsibility?

B2: Describe the images and explain what different feelings and emotions they evoke. What messages do the ad images send?

Essay title: Image interpretation

- Every individual must take responsibility for his or her own lifestyle.
- The big tobacco companies and fast food outlets like McDonald's should be sued for ruining people's health



C: Scars

Write a story using the quotes below to inspire you.

Essay title: Scars

