

Awesome Olsen 7th/8th Grade ELA Spring Learning



You will be reading two texts with *opposing views* on **sending humans into space**. Read both articles, complete the assessment practices, then you will plan and write an **argumentative essay** stating and supporting **your claim** on whether *human space travel is necessary*. You will use evidence from the passages to support your claim in your five-paragraph essay. **Use the rubric** attached to ensure that you are meeting grade-level *expectations in purpose/structure, development and language* of your essay. This packet will be due when we return from Spring Break.

1. **Read “Humans Need to Explore Outer Space” and answer the Assessment Practice.**
 - a. Circle the author’s claim in the text. Underline evidence to support the claim.
2. **Read “Let Robots Take to the Stars” and answer the Assessment Practice.**
 - a. Circle the author’s claim in the text. Underline evidence to support the claim.
3. **Complete the chart under “Analyze the Prompt”.**
 - a. Be sure to read the writing prompt thoroughly on page 300 first.
4. **Plan your essay by completing the tables under “Plan Your Argument”.**
 - a. Identify your claim, 3 reasons, and supporting evidence.
5. **Identify the counterclaim under “Address Opposing Claims”.**
 - a. Your goal is to convince the reader that your claim is valid.
6. **Write your essay on the lined paper.**
 - a. One paragraph for your *introduction*, 3 paragraphs for your *body* and one paragraph for your *conclusion*.

Title: _____

By: _____

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