

The Global Space Race

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INQUIRY

China plans astronauts on Mars by 2033. SpaceX says 2029. Who should we believe?

Discuss with your partner. Write your initial ideas below:

Key Vocabulary

Term	Definition
CNSA	China National Space Administration.
Artemis	NASA's programme to return humans to the Moon, then Mars.
Starship	SpaceX's reusable rocket designed for Mars missions.

Part A — Key Players

1. For each space agency/company, name ONE major achievement and ONE Mars-related goal: (a) China/CNSA (b) NASA (c) SpaceX (d) ESA (e) Korea/KARI. [5 marks]

Part B — Competition vs Collaboration

2. Write a balanced argument: Should Mars exploration be competitive (nations racing) or collaborative (working together)? Give 2 points for each side. [4 marks]

Part C — Korea & Germany

3. Research: What is Korea's Danuri mission? What role does Germany play in ESA? How could smaller nations contribute to Mars colonisation? [3 marks]