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California Supreme Court Justice Patricia Guerrero

By Room 213 5th grade reporters

Our class had the opportunity to meet with California Supreme Court Justice Patricia Guerrero. We got to ask her questions about her life and career.

As a Supreme Court Justice, she does oral arguments, attends meetings, makes important case decisions.

She never imagined she would become a Supreme Court Justice, but she knew she wanted to help people in some way. She thought she might become a doctor.

When asked about her job she said, “Being a judge is never boring. Cases are all different and interesting in different ways.

Justice Guerrero does not have a favorite case because she can’t choose between cases. It would feel like choosing a favorite child. There are favorite parts of different cases.

One case that came to mind was a dispute over spending time with a dog.

When asked if she’s ever been hated on for doing her job she said some

people are never satisfied with her decisions, so she never really lets people’s words get to her. She says it is important to develop “thick skin” in life.

As a fifth grader, her favorite memory was looking up to her teacher. The teacher was important to her because he represented a community that wasn’t very well represented at the school. She also remembers how she enjoyed playing on the monkey bars at recess.

She said that she did not struggle in school but she was a hard worker and didn’t give up. Her first job was at the grocery store when she was in high school and college, where she learned time management. Later in her career, she was a lawyer and prosecutor.

The challenges she faced as the daughter of Mexican immigrants include not having teachers to look up to that looked like her. Where she lived, people had a low literacy



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rate and there was a lot of poverty.

In her free time, she likes to spend time with her kids and do what her kids enjoy. Later today, she is going to her son’s track meet. She also enjoys running and going to the beach near her house.

Justice Guerrero was very encouraging and inspiring. She wants to help students like her and encourages us to reach out to her. She inspired us to be brave and not give up. We enjoyed interviewing her and are so grateful to have spoken with her. ❖

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The Interview: California Supreme Court Justice Patricia Guerrero

Justice Patricia Guerrero was appointed to the California Supreme Court as an Associate Justice on March 28, 2022. She is the first Latina Justice to sit on the California Supreme Court. Justice Guerrero was born in the Imperial Valley and raised by immigrant parents from Mexico. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of California, Berkeley, and a Juris Doctor degree from Stanford Law School.

PressFriends reporters from John Mack Elementary, Foshay Learning Center, and Parmelee Avenue Elementary interviewed Justice Guerrero during national Law Day/Week, which celebrates the role of law in our society and to increase understanding of the legal profession.

Donna M. (Parmelee Ave. Elementary): What do you do daily as a Supreme Court justice?

Justice Guerrero: Part of my job is, day to day, a lot of what you do in the classroom. I remember being in fifth grade, just like you, and I have a lot of fond memories of a lot of reading and a lot of writing. That's primarily what I spend most of my day doing - thinking through difficult issues that affect all Californians, and families like yours.

Some days can be quiet except for the meetings that I have with my research attorneys - as in all aspects of life, it's not just an individual thing that you do, you

... I spend most my day ... thinking through difficult issues that affect all Californians, and families like yours.



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have a team of people, and I'm blessed to have a team of people who help me to try to do the best job that I can do.

I also participate in what we call oral arguments. Oral arguments are an opportunity for the lawyers to present their cases and make their arguments to the seven justices on the California Supreme Court. The justices then get together to discuss the cases. I again am blessed with wonderful colleagues. Everyone's fabulous here. I'm just

starting out, but I have observed all of my colleagues for quite some time, and I have a lot to learn from all of them, and hopefully, I can also contribute to the court.

The outreach efforts, like today, are one of the most one of my most favorite things to do because I have an opportunity to talk to people who maybe don't know a lot about the courts, and I think it's important. The skills you are gaining will be really helpful to you. Regardless of whether you decide to

be a lawyer - and I hope there are people who maybe want to be lawyers or judges - the skill set that you are gaining can help prepare you for really any career.

So that's just a very broad overview of what I do on a daily basis.

Emely M. (John Mack Elementary): Did you know you wanted to be a Supreme Court justice at a young age?

Justice Guerrero: I never would have imag-

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CA Supreme Court Associate Justice Patricia Guerrero *(continued)*

ined that I would be here today. I didn't know any lawyers when I was growing up, so I can't say that I wanted to be a Supreme Court justice at a young age. I was always encouraged by my teachers, and I have parents who were very supportive and taught me the importance of an education. I always knew in the back of my head that I wanted to do something important, something meaningful, and something that I thought would make a difference in people's lives.

At a very early age, I thought probably that would be a doctor; that's really the only thing I had exposure to. Then, around middle school, I had very encouraging teachers who planted a little seed in my head about two possible career paths for me. They said, based on my skills at the time, that I would be a good teacher, or I would be a good lawyer. And I think it was because they said because I could argue well, but I think they meant that in a good way. I was able to debate and present my position both in writing and orally, so they thought that I would be a good advocate. They

were the ones who really encouraged me because I didn't have an exposure to the law. I didn't have any role models that I could look to.

It wasn't until I started college that I met lawyers when I majored in Legal Studies. I started to learn about this career, and it really was for me. It was wonderful being a lawyer, and then I then I knew I wanted to become a judge eventually. But there are a lot of steps along the way and a lot of obstacles to overcome.

In fifth grade, you may not know specifically what you want to do, and you're not really expected to, so you shouldn't be worried that you don't know, but I would just encourage you to follow your dreams because you can do whatever you end up wanting to do.

Megan L. (Foshay Learning Center): Thank

... I would just encourage you to follow your dreams because you can do whatever you end up wanting to do.

you for being a role model to young Latina. My question is, is being a judge nice or boring for you?

Justice Guerrero: Thank you for your comment, and I hope to be a role model to you and to others like you and to really all students throughout California.

Being a judge is never boring. And I'm lucky that I found something that I love. It doesn't matter really what you decide to do, but it's important that you find something where it's meaningful to you and this job is meaningful to me. It's not boring because I love the work.

I've always loved school, so it feels kind of like going back to school because you read a lot of books. We still have books, although most of it is electronic now like I'm sure it is for you, but I like being able to sift through the issues.

And my colleagues, the other justices, are another reason why it's never boring. I have such amazing colleagues. We talk through difficult issues; we make decisions; and we try to persuade one another. Going back to what my middle school teacher

said - try to argue your point but not in a way that is a negative; just try to be persuasive and present your positions.

So being a judge is never boring because I enjoy what I do. I imagine that it would not be ideal for everybody. You need to try and find something that would be a good fit for you.

Rodolfo M. (Foshay Learning Center): I wanted to thank you for doing an amazing job as a judge. My question is, what was one of your favorite cases?

Justice Guerrero: It's hard to pick. There's really no good answer for that. You have favorite parts of each case. If I try to find something about each case that I enjoy, it's really the feedback that I get from the cases.

I think what stands out to me, as an example, was an assignment in family court, which can be very challenging because of the issues that we deal with.

I had a situation where I ran into one of the people who wasn't represented in court because he didn't have an attorney. The individual had appeared before

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me in court and had a situation where he kept coming back because there were a lot of there were a lot of disputes that needed to be resolved. He approached me at an event at a law school. I immediately recognized him, and asked how his child was doing, and he said that because of the experience that he had in the courtroom with me, he was now in law school. He recognized the importance of the law and he thanked me for listening to him in court.

So, we do the best job that we can to help people understand the law and make sure that the process is a fair one for people.

Sometimes I share some fun facts with my kids about different cases. I'll share with you one case that they got a kick out of the most. It was also in family court where there are a lot of arguments over really significant issues like dividing property or custody disputes. One of the cases though, was about spending time with a dog. Resolving their disputes about spending time with a dog is something that doesn't happen very often in court, so that was something that

my kids thought was amusing.

Angie A. (John Mack Elementary): Have you ever been hated on while doing your job?

Justice Guerrero: In life, you learn to have thick skin, and I think being hated on as a judge probably isn't uncommon, especially because in legal cases, because one side loses and one side wins.

There are always going to be people who may not be fully satisfied with the outcome of a court case. But what I try to do is to explain ourselves and our positions and rulings. So that even though you may not be happy with the outcome, you won't hate on me because you'll understand the basis for my ruling. And you'll see that we've tried to do and even though you may not be happy with the result, you will feel that it is a fair one.

David G. (John Mack Elementary): What is your best memory of fifth grade?

Justice Guerrero: Fifth grade doesn't seem to us like it was a long time ago.

I have a lot of won-

derful memories of fifth grade. He was a fabulous teacher. I recently got in contact with him. He remembered me, and he was a wonderful role model for us. I grew up in a primarily Hispanic community, and he was the only African American teacher that I had. It stands out to me that there was a student in our class who was also African American, and I just remember him being such a wonderful role model to all of us, but especially to that student, who needed guidance at the time.

I wouldn't have thought of it then, but the importance of representation that came to mind. When I was thinking about this question, it dawned on me that I never had any Hispanic teachers, which is remarkable for where I grew up. I think it's important to have teachers who are representative of the students and whom you can look up to as role models; the teachers don't have to be from your same ethnicity or background, but I think it's meaningful when it is. My fifth grade teacher was a really good teacher, and that stands out as a very positive experience for me

in fifth grade.

There are other things that came to mind when I thought about your question. We used to have some opportunities to help the teacher, and I always enjoyed that. I always wanted to be as helpful, so I would be tasked with little things like cleaning blackboards - which you may not even have anymore. And I would volunteer to get chalk.

We would have Citizen of the Month that would be one designated student for demonstrating qualities that you all have yourselves - being good role models for others and being good peers for your fellow students and being good students. And we would get flags that we would be able to take home to show that we were Citizen of the Month to put up outside of your homes for that month. At the end of the year, there was just one student who had to be picked and would be able to keep the flag, so that really meant a lot to me when I was picked.

Recess was also one of my favorite things. You probably wouldn't be able to do this now,

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but I was thinking back on how our play area looked. We had parallel bars that were just on dirt, and we used to do different tricks on them that would not be allowed today for liability purposes, and I wouldn't encourage it, but it stands out in my memory.

Rebeca R. (John Mack Elementary): My question is, did you struggle in school, and what were your previous jobs?

Justice Guerrero: Rebeca, those are both great questions. They are kind of related and I'll get to that.

I always really liked school, so I wouldn't say that I necessarily struggled in school, but I always worked hard. For some people, it's just

natural, and they don't have to do any home-work and or spend a lot of time doing home-work, but I always worked really hard. I took it seriously, and always did all my home-work. It doesn't just always come easy.

I started working when I was 16 years old and in high school. I was also involved in a lot of extracurricular activities - I played all different kinds of sports. cheer-leading, ASB – while I was working. That was difficult and somewhat of a struggle.

Working required sacrifices that maybe other people who didn't have the need to work didn't have to think about; one of the sacrifices was playing soft-

ball, which I had played for a long time but could not play during my senior year because it conflicted with my work schedule and my coach wasn't willing to accommodate the conflict. But I was able to join the golf team, because I knew the coach for the golf team, so I played golf in my senior year.

It was a trade-off and the experience that I had at the grocery store as a bagger - I would bag groceries – and later in the deli. When I went to college. I went to the closest grocery store I could find, and I just showed up and said I need a job, so I worked through college as well as high school to help pay for my education.

Working in a grocery store was a very valuable experience. I learned to manage my time now and it really helped me in college to use that experience to manage multiple tasks. And that is something that I continue to do.

Besides working in a grocery store during high school and college, I eventually I started working as a lawyer and I worked in different capacities for a private law firm. I also worked as a prosecutor for the

US Attorney for the federal government, and then became a judge. *[Justice Guerrero was appointed to the San Diego Superior Court in 2013 in the family law division and then to the Court of Appeal, Fourth Appellate District, in 2017. She was appointed to the California Supreme Court on March 28, 2022.]*

Luis V. (Parmelee Ave. Elementary): What challenges did you have growing up as a daughter of immigrants and what did it teach you?

Justice Guerrero: Thank you, Luis. That's a question that I think it's important to share and to talk about. I imagine that my experiences maybe similar to some of yours.

My parents immigrated from Mexico. They had struggles when I was growing up, and we had a large household and very little money and resources. They faced challenges when they came to this country, but they did so in hopes of a brighter future for my sister and for me; they hoped that we would have more opportunities, which is why they emphasized the importance of education.



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I grew up also in a community that was largely Hispanic and there was a lot of unemployment, high illiteracy rates, and poverty. We experienced some of that, but we didn't feel like it was a burden. I think it actually made me stronger. You don't need a lot of money; you don't have to have designer clothes. You make sacrifices that are important, and you help other people. So even though you may not have a lot of money, you may be able to help someone that has even less than you do.

It's not the material things that are important; it's really your family, your community, and the opportunity to help other people.

Growing up in that type of environment, my parents taught me that we had family in Mexicali and Mexico, so we would go very often to visit them and to help them as well. Those types of experiences helped me learn what's important. It's not the material things that are

important; it's really your family, your community, and the opportunity to help other people.

Angelique M.

(Parmelee Ave. Elementary): How did you learn about college and how did you prepare for going to college?

Justice Guerrero:

Thank you Angelique. I really appreciate all the thought that all of you put into preparing for today. I didn't have the same resources that I understand students have now on the Internet. I think really what prompted me to look at specific schools that was my principal in eighth grade. I was the co-valedictorian of our class and the principal met with me and the other co-valedictorian and sat us down and said, I expect you to go to a really good school. I think you should look at schools like Berkeley and Stanford.

Well, I had never really heard anything about that, because it was in the days before the Internet. I started looking at those schools and then sent out letters requesting applications; I didn't have anyone to guide me through that process. I didn't know

anyone who had gone to those schools. I had not even heard of them, so that was a little bit difficult for me.

I am hoping that things are different now for a lot of you and that your guidance counselors spend a lot of time guiding you through the process.

I applied to Berkeley and got in; I didn't even tell my parents that I was applying because they wanted me to go somewhere closer to my sister in LA.

But I wanted to go to Berkeley and they obviously they were very happy for me when I got in.

I had to do it on my own, but you don't have to. There are more people who are willing to talk to you about the process and guide you through the process.

I now have a son who is in high school, starting to look for colleges. I started preparing a spreadsheet of information about different colleges and their acceptance rates, location, school size, and then I realized there are websites and programs that do all of this for you.

On one website, you can do virtual tours. It's like a video so you can

go walk through the actual college campus. You don't even have to go and visit in person, although it's fun to do that too.

My experience was much different, but it doesn't have to be that way now for you because you have so many resources available to you. If you don't, I would encourage you to reach out because there are so many people who would want to help you and guide you through this process.

Amilecar H. (Foshay Learning Center): What is your favorite thing to do in your free time?

Justice Guerrero: My favorite thing to do is spend time with my kids. I don't have a lot of free time, but my free time is spent doing things that they like.

As an example, today I'm going to my younger son's track meet. I like to do what they like to do. And you know, it changes as they grow up. You have a little bit less time to focus on everything and so you have to sort of pick the things that you really like.

I also like to golf, and I like to go to the beach. ❖

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Mae Jemison: Providing Healing, Promoting Hope



www.womenshistory.org/education-resources/biographies/mae-jemison

Mae Jemison was born on October 17, 1956 in Decatur, Alabama. She is 65 years old.

We celebrate Mae Carol Jemison because she was a Doctor for the Peace Corps in Liberia in Sierra, worked as a General Practitioner, and was the first African American woman in space!

Jemison received her first mission as an astronaut on September 28, 1989 when she was selected to join the STS-47 crew as a Mission Specialist. On September 12, 1992 Jemison and six other astronauts went into space on the space shuttle Endeavor. This

voyage made Jemison the first African American Woman in space.

During her eight days in space, Jemison conducted experiments on weightlessness and motion sickness on the crew and on herself. Jemison actively inspires and encourages young people to pursue careers in science and medicine, and she has worked to advocate gender, ethnic, and social diversity in science. Jemison was the youngest of three children, her mother was an elementary school teacher and her father was a maintenance supervisor. A few years after she was born, Jemison and her

family moved to Chicago, Illinois.

After graduating from Stanford University, Jemison attended Cornell Medical School. While in medical school, she traveled to Cuba to lead a study for the American Medical Students Association. She also worked at a Cambodian refugee camp in Thailand. Jemison graduated from Cornell with a Doctorate in Medicine in 1981.

In conclusion, as a doctor, engineer, and NASA astronaut, Mae Jemison has always reached for the stars and is a role model for many girls.

By Emely M.

Nobel Peace Prize to Malala



malala.org/malalas-story

Malala Yousafzai was born on July 12, 1997 in Mingora, Pakistan.

Malala is known for being a female educator and a Nobel Peace Prize laureate. She was also the world's youngest Nobel Peace Prize laureate, and the second Pakistani to ever receive a Nobel Prize. At the age of 15 in 2012 Malala

was shot by a Taliban terrorist in her head because she had spoken up for the right of girls to be educated.

Malala has many quotes that are impactful. A few of them are:

“When the world is silent, even one voice can become powerful.”

“One child, one teacher, one book, one pen can change the world.”

“We realize the importance of our voices only when we are silenced.”

These beautiful quotes can change the way you look at the world.

In conclusion, I think that Malala was a great person who just wanted equal rights for girls and boys.

By Jasmine M.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Who is Helen Keller?

Helen Keller was born on June 27, 1880 in Tuscumbia AL. She died at the age of 87 on June 1, 1968. Keller is well known for being an Author, educator and more while blind and deaf. She learned to read and write by using the braille method.

Helen Keller is famous really because she was able to communicate with braille and another method called Tadoma. She did this because was deaf and blind.

Helen Keller grew up on a family farm that was called Ivy Green. Growing up, Keller

found it difficult to communicate with people but learned from her teacher that she could communicate with writing signals on a person's palm.

At the age of 19 months is when Keller developed an illness that left her blind and deaf.

Keller also published 12 books, first one being published in 1902 or 1903. Her first book was called "The Story of my Life".

Another accomplishment of Keller's was that she was a prominent political and social activist. Not only that, but she was a vocal sup-

porter for women's rights and for women's rights for birth control.

Lastly Keller was a leading member of the American for the blind and in 1964 she was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

Finally Helen Keller made an impact on the world because she was a supporter for the blind, women's suffrage and co-founded the American Civil liberties Union.

In conclusion I think Helen Keller is an awesome role model for other blind people Because she never gave up.

By Kaylin G.



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Helen Keller's Teacher: Anne Sullivan

Anne Sullivan was born on April 14, 1866, in Feeding Hills, Massachusetts, and she died on October 20, 1936. At the age of five, she became partially blind from an eye disease called Trachoma. Her mother died when she was eight and her father abandoned Anne and her siblings two years later.

Anne attended the Perkins Institution for the Blind in 1880. She had

surgery that gave her back some sight, and she graduated from the Perkins Institution in 1886 at the top of her class.

In 1887, Anne became Helen Keller's governess. Helen Keller was then six and was a difficult child. However, Anne worked with her and taught her to communicate. They also spent time at the Perkins Institution.

Anne married John

Macy, a Harvard instructor, who had worked with Anne on her publications and with Helen Keller on her autobiography. Anne and Macy later separated.

Anne Sullivan and Helen Keller received a lot of recognition including honorary degrees and in 2003, Sullivan was named to the National Women's Hall of Fame.



Helen Keller (l.) and Anne Sullivan (r.) - britannica.com/biography/Anne-Sullivan

OPINIONS ON TECHNOLOGY

The Cure is Here!



cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/your-vaccination.html

I think it is extremely important that people get vaccinated for COVID-19 as soon as possible. The vaccine is important because many people were dying before the vaccine, and there was nothing anyone could do about it. Over 31,000 people died in Los Angeles County in 2021 from the Coronavirus. This is really sad, because many people died and there was nothing they could do.

The vaccine gave people hope. People were freed from quaran-

tine. They didn't have to be scared or nervous anymore because the Covid vaccine could help protect them from Covid.

Many people still get Covid, but if they get Covid the symptoms won't be as severe. If you get Covid, chances are you will not feel it as much as before if you got the Covid vaccine.

Another reason the Covid vaccine was really helpful is that it allowed schools to re-open. This meant students could once again go see their

friends and teachers in real life instead of looking at their screen all day long. During distance learning, kids weren't paying attention and it was hard to focus. Many students would watch YouTube or play video games while their teacher was teaching. Many students had their cameras off and it made it difficult to learn.

In conclusion, the vaccine impacted all of our lives in a really good way we can go to old lives without a worry.

By David G.

Online Music versus Compact Disks



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In my opinion I think it is better to download music on phones instead of buying compact disks.

My first reason is that downloading music can save money. This is because you don't have to buy a CD player.

Another reason is that CD's can get damaged and when you play them, they sound weird and distorted. Downloaded music is never damaged.

I would also rather play music on your phone because I don't

have to buy the entire album when I may only want certain songs.

Listening to music on the phone is also more convenient. I can switch the music easier and I don't have to get up and look through lots of disks.

Another reason for using the phone is the flexibility. This is because you can be outside and listen to music. You can listen to music whenever and wherever you want. On the other

hand, you would have to listen to music in your house because CD players are not as portable.

Lastly, the music from the past has poor quality of sound. Old music has been remastered and can now be downloaded without having low and horrible sound but the new one is amazing because it sounds great!

In conclusion, the new music is way better than the old music.

By Allan C.

OPINIONS ON TECHNOLOGY

The Future of Film

I would rather watch a movie at my house than at the movie theaters. One reason is because at the theaters you have to pay a lot but at my house, I pay less for the movies than the movie theater tickets.

Another reason is that even though I like movie theaters, I like watching at home better, because you can watch at any time, including on your cell phone or tablet, as well as the TV.

Also, another reason I would rather stay at home and watch is be-

cause you don't have to drive anywhere. Other reasons are that you can watch with your family and even lay down in bed, but at the theaters you have to sit and pay for candy.

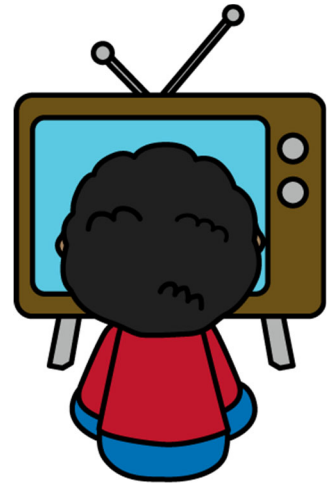
Another reason is that you could watch a lot of different streaming services, such as Netflix, Disney plus, Apple TV, HBO Max, Hulu, YouTube, and more. Also, my favorite show is probably Dory, but I like all kinds of movies, so it's kind of hard to choose, but Dory

is one of my favorite movies.

The last reason I would choose to stay at home is because I like staying at my house and watching movies. I like going to movie theaters too, but I don't like going to places that much; I just like staying at the house.

In conclusion, I love staying home and watching movies for a long time until I get tired with my parents and go to my bed and sleep.

By Habacuc L.



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Hulu versus Netflix

Hulu vs Netflix - which one is better?

In my opinion, Hulu is better. Why you might be wondering?

Well, one reason why is because Hulu has more of a variety of shows and movies. Netflix doesn't have movies many people like, such as the Lego Movies or TV shows like Friends, and many more. On Hulu, you are more likely to find what you are looking for.

Although there are

many good things about Hulu, there is also a downside. For example you have to pay for "No ads." This means that Hulu might hurt your pocketbook. Unlike Netflix, there are no ads, and it isn't a separate price.

Still I like Hulu better. I used to watch the movies and TV shows on Netflix when we transferred to Hulu, I started using Hulu way more than I used to use Netflix.

Another reason why Hulu is better is because of pricing. If you get premium on Netflix, that's literally \$18 dollars per month! Hulu doesn't cost as much as Netflix; if you pay for "no ads" on Hulu it only costs \$12, which is two-thirds of the cost of premium on Netflix.

In conclusion these are some of my phew reasons why Hulu is better than Netflix.

By Rebeca R.



OPINIONS ON TECHNOLOGY

Amazon versus In-Store Shopping



In my opinion, Amazon is better than in-store shopping.

Why, you may ask? Well one reason is because I don't have to get ready. For example I don't have to change my clothes, comb my hair, or put on my shoes and ask my mom to drive me there.

Another reason why is because when you shop in a store, the store might not have what you are looking for and that means you basically went to the store for no reason. When you shop

on Amazon, you can see if it is out of stock. The store might also not have the amount that you want. However, when you shop on Amazon, you usually can get as many as you want.

One last reason why is because you can find anything from A to Z on Amazon. Really. You can find anything on Amazon. Unlike when you have to go to many different stores just to find one little thing.

Also the convenience of shopping on Amazon is that you can literally

just turn on your phone and look anything up you want. Now you just have to know what you are looking for. There is a downside, because you don't get to try clothes on and you can't see and touch the item, but Amazon makes it easy to return items that aren't what you expected.

In conclusion, I think that Amazon is better than in-store shopping. What do you think? Are you Team Amazon or Team In-Store Shopping?

By Rebeca R.

Online Ordering versus Restaurants



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I think ordering food online is better than dining in a restaurant. There are many apps that can help with online ordering food. Apps such as DoorDash, Grubhub, and Uber Eats make it super easy to order food directly to your house.

First of all, ordering food is a time saver. You don't have to waste your gas driving to the restaurant.

You can track your order and you will know exactly when it is arriving.

You do not have to get dressed or comb your hair because you can enjoy your meal from the comfort of your home.

Another reason online ordering is better are the deals. For example, apps offer discounts. For example, at Chick-fil-A, you can get two sandwiches for the price of one. This discount is not available when you are dining at the restaurant.

Some people don't trust app delivery driv-

ers. They think their food may be stolen or that the driver might mess with the food. There is no need to worry about it though because the restaurants seal the bags with stickers to prevent this. The drivers also text or knock on the door to alert you that the food has arrived.

In conclusion, it is much better now that you can enjoy your food at home.

By Chris P.

OPINIONS ON TECHNOLOGY

Electric Cars versus Gas Cars

In my opinion, electric cars are better than gas cars.

Electric cars are better because they don't harm the environment as much as gas cars. They don't harm the environment as much because electric cars do not use any kind of combustion thanks to lithium-ion batteries.

Electric vehicles also support renewable energy. Even when charged with electricity from the grid, electric vehicles produce only a third of a greenhouse gas emissions that a gas vehicle would due in large part to their high energy-efficiency.

Electric cars are also better because of convenience. Instead of searching for a gasoline station with the cheapest prices (the prices of gas are ridiculous), you can charge at home, at work,

at the shop, or at other common destinations while doing other things. Also, you can charge at a cheaper price than using gasoline. And plugging in at home takes only a few seconds and lets you wake up to a "full tank" every morning.

Another reason that electric cars are better is that EV's can accelerate faster than gas-powered cars and have more than enough speed for everyday usage. The reason for this is that electric motors are much simpler than internal combustion engines. Therefore, EV's can provide full torque - the force that drives the vehicle forward from 0 kilometers, resulting in instant acceleration.

Electric vehicles also have a lower center of gravity, which improves handling, responsiveness and safety.

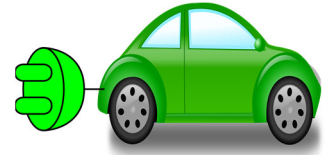
Electric vehicles are safer because they have lithium ion batteries which are less likely to explode. Electric Cars have a lower chance of passengers getting injured in an accident than gas-powered cars.

Electric cars are also again not harmful to the environment so they are not harmful to us humans.

Some people say that electric cars are overpriced. Electric cars are around \$60,000 to \$70,000 but they are worth the price. Electric cars are expensive because of their electric batteries and the new technology.

In conclusion, today, concerns for the Earth, gasoline prices, emissions, and other concerns, I hope you feel the same way as I do about electric cars.

By Emely M.



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Nintendo Switch

Nintendo Switch game system lets you play games. My favorite game is Pokémon Diamond and Pokémon Legends and those are my favorite

games to play.

But, on the Nintendo Switch, you can also watch YouTube, Hulu, HBO Max, and Netflix.

Nintendo started like big box and then be-

came Nintendo Game Boy and then Nintendo DS, before it became Nintendo Switch.

By Shane J.



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OPINIONS ON TECHNOLOGY

Cell Phones Now or Telephones Then



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In my opinion technology in phones has improved since its original creation in 1876.

My first reason is video calls. In the past people were only able to hear each other. Today people can see each other using apps like facetime. Many people enjoy video conferencing with family and friends.

My second reason is text messages. Today, we text with many people. If we don't feel like calling, or don't have time to call, we can just text with someone. This is time saving.

Another reason why I think technology has improved the phone is online learning. We can learn stuff online and watch videos from our phones. We can also play games on our phones.

Also phones today are practical. You can take your phone anywhere. You can also search up anything like the weather, famous people and so much more. Also something cool about phones today is that you can call multiple people at the same time.

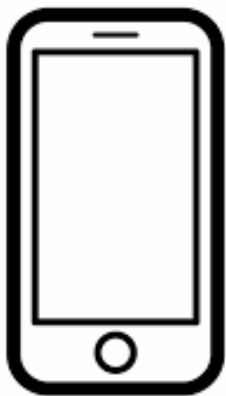
Another reason is that with a telephone you

could only talk to someone about 6 miles away, but with phones it doesn't matter how far you are you could still talk to someone in a different state or country! Before telephones cost \$9 for five minutes, so it would cost \$3995 which is way more than now. Now it costs about \$80 per month (depending on the phone).

In conclusion, I think phones have advanced since the first telephone was invented. What do you think? Do you think phones then and now have developed or not?

By Kaylin G.

The Importance of Cell Phones



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In my opinion, cell-phones are important.

I think phones are important because I can use my phone to communicate with my loved ones. For example, I like to text and call my mom to let her know what I'm doing so she won't be worried and to let her know about problems.

Another reason why I think phones are important is because I can use my phone to navigate somewhere, and if I

didn't have a phone, I would be lost. You can use a Maps app to find where you want to go.

Next I think phones are important because phones make people's lives easier. You can use your phone as a calculator or as a camera.

Phones are important because I can take my phone everywhere for emergencies and before cell phones, people couldn't take their phone everywhere and it

would make it harder in emergencies.

Lastly, I think phones are important because phones can entertain. People say phones are distracting but I think phones entertain people. You can listen to music or watch videos on your phone.

In conclusion, people say phones are distracting but I think phones make people's lives easier and more fun.

By Trinity C.

OPINIONS ON TECHNOLOGY

Skyview is Worth the View

Have you ever wondered what the app Skyview does?

First, the app is used to view what is in our solar system. You can use your camera to precisely spot and identify celestial objects in the sky, day or night.

You can also find your favorite constellations as they fade in and out while you scan

across the sky. You can locate the moon and discover distant galaxies and witness satellite fly-bys.

It is a beautiful, intuitive stargazing app that uses your camera to see the different objects and identify the stuff in the sky whether it is day or night.

Don't you think it's amazing the way the app

knows where the planets are located? I think it is cool because on the app it shows where the Big Dipper and the Little Dipper are. I also like that it shows the Zodiac signs in the sky.

In conclusion, I think Skyview is worth your taking the time to download. Download it and enjoy the night sky.

By Layla L



Google

Google was founded on September 4, 1998 by Larry Page and Sergey Brin, and it's been 24 years since then. Google's original name was Backrub, and the name was that because in 1996, Page and Brin called their initial search engine Backrub for its analysis of the Web's

black links.

I like to use Google. Why? Because you can find anything you want by just clicking the search button. For example, if you want to watch Netflix, you can search it on Google. If you need help on math, you can search for a calculator or for the answer

and you will get it.

Google has their own apps like Google Classroom, Google Docs, Google Slides, Google Forms, Google Play Store, and many more.

In conclusion, Google is one of the best websites created for the use of humans.

By Jasmine M.



Invention of the Cell Phone

The invention of the phone is very good and helpful. I think that new phones are better because they can show you where to go. If you get lost, you can get directions on your phone.

If you get bored, you can play games on your phone. So if you are in a long line, you can play games on your new phone while you are waiting. And, on your phone, you can go to a

place where you have never gone before.

Another reason is that if you want to talk to other people, then you can call them on your phone.

By Jostin A.



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OPINIONS ON TECHNOLOGY

Samsung Notes



Are you interested in becoming more organized? The Notes app can help you become more organized. I'm sure most people know what the Notes app is, but for those that don't, here is a list of things it does.

First, you can create lists of things that you need to do. For example,

you can keep track of schedules, upcoming tests, and grocery lists.

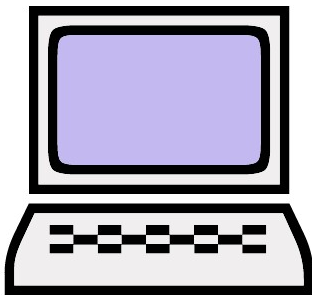
Another handy tool is that you can create categories. For example you can create a category for different school subjects.

Another great feature is that your notes will be saved. If you take notes on paper you might lose your notes, but if you

use the Notes app on your phone, you'll always have them with you. This is because you almost always have your phone on you, so this app makes for easy access.

So, go out and download the Notes app. You will love it.

By Angie A.



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Computers

Computers were invented by Charles Babbage between 1833 and 1871, and 40 years later, it's still in use and in different sizes.

Computers are devices that allow you to type and search up what you need with keys. Computers are heavily used in the education field. Schools and colleges

around the world are using computers to teach students digitally and creatively with data visualization. Computers are also used in all types of businesses, and most people have computers at home to use for personal reasons.

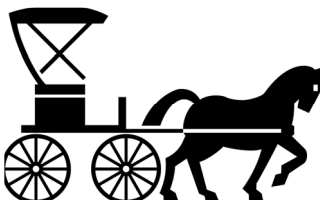
As time passed computers developed into smaller computers that

are now called cell phones. Cell phones are perfect because you can hold it in your pocket and that can make life easier. Phones do the same thing as computers but they're smaller.

In conclusion, computers really help the world store a lot of information.

By Jasmine M.

Transportation Through the Times



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I think that transportation methods have come a long way.

Many years ago, people traveled in horse drawn carriages. The problem with this mode of transportation is that it was powered by horses.

The horses were slow, and they needed to stop for water and food.

Then the engine was created which gave power to cars. Cars are much more efficient. They don't need to stop as often as horse carriages.

One complaint about cars is that they use gas. Gas is very expensive. Today, some cars are being powered by electricity. Electric cars are a great innovation in transportation.

By Eber C.

OPINIONS ON NASA

Worth It!

In my opinion NASA is worth the cost that taxpayers contribute.

One reason is they help us learn about other planets. For instance they have advanced technology that can see other planets and that can take pictures of

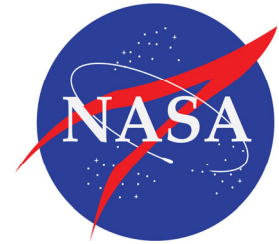
planets that are very far away.

In addition, when NASA explored the moon many new inventions were created. In particular cameras were improved to be able to take better quality pictures of the galaxy.

Most importantly NASA helps boost the economy. In fact, they create many jobs and employ many citizens.

In conclusion, I think we should continue to fund NASA.

By Jazmine R.



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Fund NASA

In my opinion, NASA should continue to be funded by the US government.

The first reason that we should spend money on NASA is because it creates offshoot technology. Exploring the moon helped make television broadcasts much clearer. This helps us watch movies on streaming services. They help keep away bad graphics and turn pixels into even better graphics.

The second reason we should spend money on NASA is because they can protect us from extinction from comets.

We should put more money in NASA so we can fund the satellite SMAP. SMAP predicts droughts, floods and weather patterns. This helps farmers grow food and predict crop yield. Farmers will know how much corn, wheat, and rice they will grow in a given season.

Another reason we should put money in NASA is all the technological advances they create. In the past they have created fire proof armor for fighter fighters and GPS for location. NASA has created so many more inventions.

In conclusion, we should fund NASA because they help the world become a better place.

By Robert G.



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Continue Funding NASA

Should NASA continue to be funded? In my opinion, I think that, yes, we need to fund NASA.

The first reason is that NASA gives us

chances to send things out in space to help the Earth.

The second reason is that it helps us to get more food to help the world.

The third reason: is that some of the spaceships help the Earth to grow more trees.

By Eber C.



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OPINIONS ON NASA

NASA—Worth the Cost



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In my opinion NASA is worth the cost.

My first reason is the impact on the economy. Did you know that only half of 1 percent of the U.S budget goes to NASA? NASA also creates jobs and salaries which is good for the economy.

My second reason is that NASA improves life on Earth. A satellite called SMAP predicts natural disasters like floods, droughts and crop yields. This is important because it can also predict the growth patterns of food such as wheat, corn and rice which can help stop world hunger.

Another reason is extinction protection. How are they protecting Earth from extinction? A satellite called DART detects asteroids, which is a good thing because NASA can figure out how to stop asteroids. Also, if a big asteroid were to hit earth, we would need somewhere to go. NASA is currently researching Mars and seeing if it can become an outpost for humans just in case, if something happens.

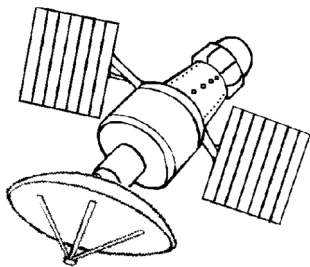
Let's talk about offshoot technology. You're probably saying what is offshoot technology? Well it's all the inventions that can be created

as a result of space exploitation. Some examples are satellites that predict weather forecasts and GPS (directions). Did you know if you were to see an old TV the TV pixels would be black and white? Today the pixels are multicolored and clear because of NASA. A fun fact is that NASA has created over 2,000 technologies!

In conclusion, think of all the exploration and imagination our galaxy has to offer. The possibilities are endless! Don't you think it's our duty to continue exploring?

By Kaylin G.

Is NASA Worth the Cost?



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I think that NASA is worth the cost.

The first reason I think NASA is worth the cost is because it improves our everyday lives. For example, our technology has improved so much more and we have NASA to thank. Space exploration has led to newer and better technology such as weather satellites, clearer cameras, and navigation

through the creation of GPS.

Don't you think it's interesting how there might be something out in space, maybe some different kind of life? NASA agrees and has sent Rovers to other planets to figure out if there's life out there. They have found microbes and water on Mars. Their next goal is to send humans to

Mars. They have found that Mars is the planet most similar to Earth. It has many craters, canyons, and rocky terrain.

Going to space can help our economy and one of the reasons why is that it can bring us more jobs because there are needs for scientists, programmers, engineers, and many other types of jobs.

By Angie A.

OPINIONS ON NASA

Funding NASA—What Do You Think?

Do you think NASA is worth the cost? NASA stands for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and I think that it is worth the cost because NASA is exploring outer space.

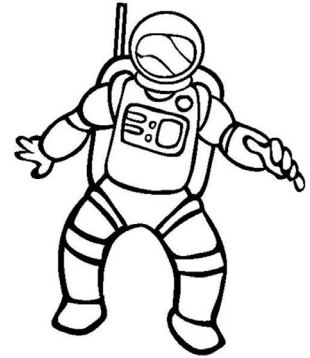
I think that NASA is good for the economy. Many people think that NASA gets a lot of money. NASA works for the government and only gets half of one percent that equals to half a penny per dollar, while helping create lots of technology. Services like firefighters and the military get more government money.

NASA has worked hard to get people to the moon and now they are working hard to get people to Mars. By sending people to Mars, NASA can get materials to make new things like new spaceships that can help the environment. How will exploring Mars help the economy? Well, scientists can learn about momentous shifts in climate that can fundamentally alter planets. It also lets us look for biosignatures, which are signs that might reveal whether life was abundant in the planet's past and if it exists on Mars today.

NASA thinks that people can make humans live on Mars if something catastrophic happens to Earth. NASA thinks that Mars may have had life a long time ago because they found some resemblance to Earth.

NASA is responsible for the US civilian space program, along with aeronautics and aerospace research. Another reason NASA is worth the cost is because of imagination, creativity and curiosity. You never know what is out there. There could be a whole other universe.

By Jasmine M.



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The Choice is Yours

In my opinion NASA should not spend time or money on sending humans to Mars.

NASA has a budget of three billion dollars a year. It is so much money yet there is no guarantee. If something goes wrong the US government will be throwing away billions of dollars.

Another reason is it affects astronauts' health. If astronauts go to Mars, they will not

get to see their friends or family for over two years. They can become lonely and bored.

Lastly, Rovers can do everything humans can do. For example, they collect samples, take pictures and explore.

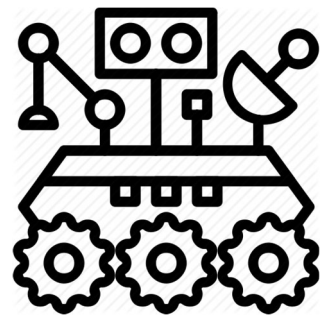
In conclusion NASA shouldn't waste money on funding programs to send humans to Mars.

But it is your choice to make. Do you think

that humans should continue to explore and travel into space? After all, space is infinite and has many galaxies to explore.

The unknown can be yours. What will you choose? Do you think we should fund NASA? Do you think we should use the money on space exploration or other social needs, such as health care and hunger?

By Jostin A.



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OPINIONS ON NASA

NASA Improves Life on Earth



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If I was asked my opinion, I would say NASA is worth the cost.

First, NASA is worth the cost because it improves life on Earth by having satellites like SMAP, which predicts natural disasters like hurricanes. SMAP and other satellites can give us warnings and we can explore a lot of new and awesome things!

Another reason is that NASA's unique mission provides benefit in big and small ways.

NASA's innovations improve daily life, advance medical research and support disaster response.

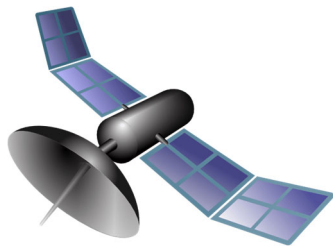
NASA helps a lot of people and they don't get that much funding from the government. They get 23.3 billion dollars but the stuff they create has led to a lot more money in the economy. NASA research has resulted in a lot of cool stuff, like fire resistance jackets for firefighters

NASA is great for economy because it creates jobs and helps out the economy.

NASA was also the first nation to send a person to the moon in 1969, and we were in a race with Russia. Nowadays we have another race with Russia to go to Mars! Do you think we're going to win the race to Mars? A fun random fact is that an astronaut suit weighs 280 pounds!

By Allan C.

Offshoot Technology from NASA



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Is NASA worth the cost? In my opinion, NASA is worth the cost.

Why you may ask? Well, one reason is offshoot technology. Offshoot technology is technology that was not really meant to happen. For example satellites can predict the weather, droughts, natural disasters and many more things. It can also see how much crops can be grown such as rice, corn and wheat, which can help prevent world hunger.

Another reason is to protect ourselves from

extinction if we one day can send humans to Mars. Think of it as a backup server for your computer. That way, if something catastrophic happened to the Earth, Mars can be that backup.

NASA has also a satellite called "DART" which will try to hit an asteroid off its course before it hits the Earth.

Another reason why is because it is better for the economy because it creates jobs and salaries.

Another thing is that only half of 17 percent of the U.S budget to fund NASA.

If you ask five people if NASA'S budget should be reduced, one in five people would say that it should be.

My last and final reason is imagination and exploration. Just imagine what could be out in space. Space is just a world of infinite galaxies that we can explore. What's out there? The unknown.

In conclusion, these are some of my reasons why NASA is worth the cost. So what do you think—is NASA worth the cost?

By Rebeca R.

OPINIONS ON NASA

NASA Should Not Go to Mars

In my opinion NASA should not be wasting taxpayers money on sending humans to Mars. I do think it is worth the cost because it would take over one year for humans to get to Mars and they would only be able to stay on Mars for one month. Then it takes another year to get back to Earth.

It's bad because the trip to Mars is too long. This can affect the astronaut's health. Exposure to radiation is hard on the body and boredom can affect mental health.

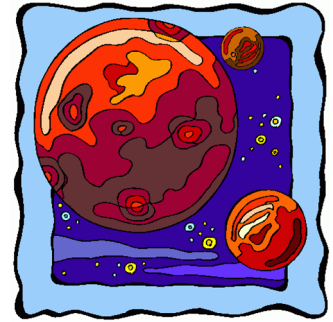
Another reason is that Rovers can do everything humans can do. For example they collect samples of planets and also predict and explore the planet. It's a waste

of money to spend money on something that is already being done.

Lastly, it costs three billion dollars per year to build a new space launch to get to Mars. There no real guarantee.

In conclusion, I think NASA should not waste money and time on sending humans to Mars. Don't you agree?

By Trinity C.



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Arguments Against Funding NASA

In my opinion, NASA should not be sending astronauts to Mars. Why? There are many reasons why I don't think the cost is worth it.

First, something can go wrong with the spaceship, like it could explode! Wouldn't that be catastrophic?

Secondly, astronauts' health can be compromised! Their bones can become weaker from exposure to radiation. Their mental health can be put to the test. If they are isolated for a long time they run the risk of losing their minds. Being far away from their family and friends can be harmful.

Another reason why NASA is not worth the cost is because of the cost. NASA spends about 3 billion a year. It's a loss of money and no guarantee. It is a waste of money. I would rather have the money go to children in need to support schools or kids who don't have homes.

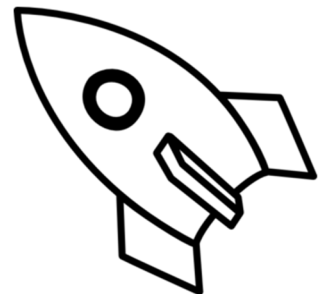
My fifth reason is the time involved. It would take astronauts a year to get to Mars and a year to get back to Earth. Once they get to Mars, they can only stay there for a month.

My last reason is because of Rovers, Rovers are robotic vehicles. NASA has sent five

Rovers to Mars. The names of the five rovers are: Sojourner, Spirit and Opportunity, Curiosity, and Perseverance. Rovers can do the same job as astronauts; they take pictures and take samples. Also, Rovers can stay on Mars for 90 days, which is longer than astronauts can stay there.

In my opinion I think NASA should not be sending people to Mars, But people who think that they should send them to Mars say that space exploration can lead to technology development that improves our daily lives.

By Layla L.



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NASA Creates New Technologies



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NASA is worth the cost. The first reason is because NASA creates many new technologies, such as GPS, phones, and tablets. GPS is a map so that you know where you're going and don't get lost.

The second reason is that they can save us by sending a satellite to

space named DART. DART is a satellite created by NASA that can knock off an asteroid from its path and save us from getting hit.

The third reason is I would choose to spend on NASA is because we could be the first ones on another planet like Mars or a different planet. It

would be so cool to go to another planet.

Thanks to NASA we now know that we cannot land on the outer planets. The outer planets are gas giants and have no real surface. We have to be careful in space where we could float away anywhere.

By Habacuc L.



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Is NASA Worth Taxpayer Cost?

I think NASA is worth every dollar taxpayers invest. Why?

Humans don't know enough about space, yet. There are many things in space like huge asteroids and other planets. NASA should be preparing for the future.

Another reason is because we may need a back up plan. If some-

thing devastating and catastrophic happens to Earth, we may need somewhere to go, and Mars could be the solution. Mars could give humanity a second chance.

The third reason is improving life on earth. After NASA began exploring outer space, we began to see many new technologies. Some ex-

amples are phones, color television and better pixels, and better TV service. There are satellites like SMAP that predict crop yields and how much food will be grown in a given year. NASA has also created satellites that can predict drought and natural disasters.

By David G.



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Put Rovers, Not Astronauts, Into Space

In my opinion, NASA is not worth the cost. It costs a lot of money and will cost a lot more to get to Mars. NASA could waste billions of dollars and there is no guarantee.

The whole project could be done by Rov-

ers. Rovers can collect samples and take real time photographs and videos. Rovers can stay on Mars a lot longer than humans. The Rover Opportunity has been on Mars for a total of 15 Earth years.

Lastly, rovers are not

as high maintenance as humans. Rovers do not get sick like astronauts. Astronauts need food and oxygen to survive out in space.

In conclusion, let's spend money on Rovers. What do you think?

By Chris P.

OPINIONS ON NASA

NASA's Unique Mission

In my opinion NASA is worth the cost. NASA's unique missions provide benefits in big and small ways.

One reason is that NASA strengthens the U.S economy by engaging the largest U.S manufacturing industries, advancing emerging technologies and contributing to achieving national science and technology priorities.

The dollars spent for space exploration also create jobs and help pay employee's salaries. NASA only gets half of 1% of the US budget which is not a lot of money compared to what the military gets.

Another reason is that NASA provides satellites that can improve life on earth. One way it can improve life on earth is agriculture. Satellites can predict the weather/climate. By being able to predict weather, agriculturists can predict weather pat-

terns and natural disasters. Predicting the weather can help warn others so they can get prepared. Satellites can also provide near real - time data for monitoring crops. Remote sensing satellites provide us with detailed information and rainfall assessments. This allows farmers to better manage their harvest and livestock.

A third reason is offshoot technology. Offshoot technology is technology that really was not meant to happen. Some offshoot technology includes better iPhones, navigation through GPS, clearer cameras, and better TV signals. Through its space exploration programs, NASA inadvertently creates new technology.

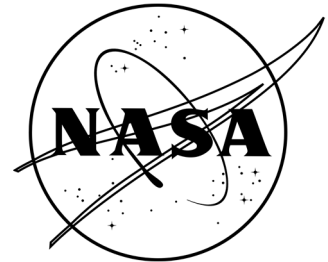
Another reason is protection for the human race from extinction. Programs like DART are for early detection of asteroids, in case any-

thing unimaginable happens. On October 22, 2022, for the first time, NASA will be testing DART. DART stands for Double Asteroid Redirection Test. Having programs like DART are important because if anything may happen to Earth, we will have a warning system.

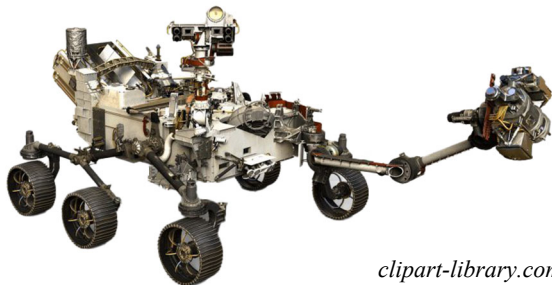
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In conclusion, there is so much to explore in space, wouldn't you want to know what's out there? Space has infinite galaxies to explore. By funding NASA we can explore space, learn about space, put money into the economy, make the world a better place, and much more.

By Emely M.



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