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Video Discussion Questions

Behind the Scenes: Disaster in Space

1. What is the mood of the first segment of the video, about the Apollo 13 explosion (0:00-:53)? Consider the narration, music, and visuals.

2. Tarshis says that NASA had a "very clear picture of the perfect astronaut" in the early days of the space program (3:12). According to information in the video, what qualities was an astronaut expected to possess in the 1960s?

3. Consider this statement: NASA's space program has become more diverse over time. What information in the video supports this statement?