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Video Discussion Questions

Directions: Watch the video "Behind the Scenes: Disaster in Space." Then answer the questions below.

1. What is the mood (or feeling) of the first section of the video, about the Apollo 13 explosion (0:19-0:53)? Consider the narration, music, and visuals.

2. In the video, author Lauren Tarshis explains that she couldn't include everything she learned from her Apollo 13 research in her *Storyworks* article. Why not?

3. According to the video, how did World War II lead to the beginning of American space travel?

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- 4.** Lauren says that NASA had a "very clear picture of the perfect astronaut" in the early days of space travel. According to the video, what qualities was an astronaut expected to have in the 1960s?

- 5.** What was unfair about America's space program in the 1950s and 1960s? Is it more fair today? How?
