

# Welcome to Today's Class!

## Today's Topic: The New Space Race – A Return to the Moon

The new space race, unlike the Cold War space race, is a competition between the United States and China to return humans to the Moon. Who benefits?

### Agenda:

1. Review the video and vocabulary
2. Breakout room discussions
3. Large group wrap-up



# Watch & Learn

CNN 10

Breaking down the new space race: a return to the moon

## Key Vocabulary:

1. “American Exceptionalism”
2. domains
3. Capital Hill
4. “foot the bill”
5. “framed as losing”
6. playbooks
7. scouting
8. figuratively
9. literally



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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C0s6-duQwtY>

# Let's Talk: Discussion Questions

1. Why are the United States and China interested in returning to the Moon?
2. Is it fair for powerful countries to claim space resources?
3. Space missions cost billions of dollars. Is this a good use of money?
4. Do you think humans will live on the Moon in your lifetime?
5. What benefits does space exploration bring to ordinary people on Earth?
6. Is exploring space more important than solving problems on Earth?