

# Cities In Space

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# Passion & Inspiration

A photograph of an astronaut in a white space suit floating in space. The suit has "NASA" and an American flag patch visible. The background is a dark, starry space with a hint of a planet's horizon.

- [Research Experience for Teachers at University of Texas](#)
  - Chemical Coding, Clean Lab, Lasers, and Research
- [United Space School](#)
  - Collaboration, Mentorship, Design, and Mars
- [Cities In Space Competition](#)
  - Opportunity, Experiences, STEAM

# Anatomy of an Inter-Disciplinary Unit (IDU)

- Team Collaboration
- Meaningful Experiences
- Relatable Outcomes
- Extends Outside the Classroom
- Planning, Planning, Planning



# Cities in Space Iterations & Disasters

A photograph of an astronaut in a white space suit floating in space. The suit has 'NASA' and an American flag patch visible. The background is a dark, starry space with a reddish glow.

## Iterations

- 2015 – Seniors
- 2016/2017 – 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Algebra
- 2018/2020 – Entire 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

## Disasters

- Time
- Communication
- Rubrics
- Planning

# Project Example -TBD



## Interdisciplinary

- History – Colonization
- English – World Building
- Science – Biomedical
- Math – Engineering
- Media Technology
- PLTW – 3D Model/Robotics
- Art –Interactive Art

## Outcomes

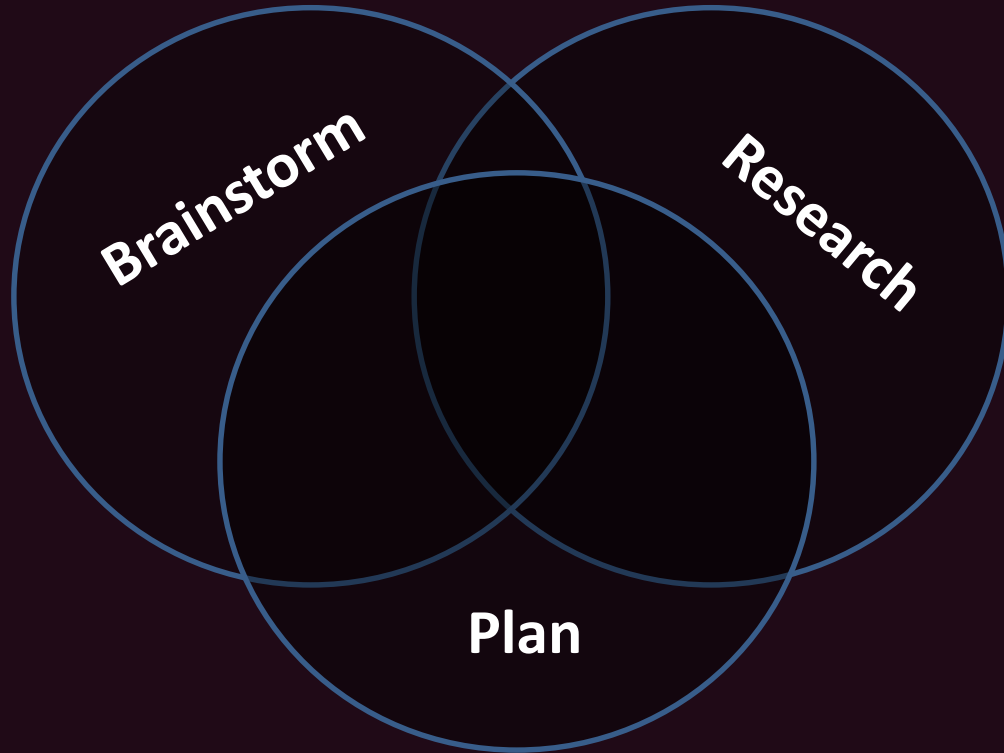
- Colony Charter/Bill of Rights
- Anthology of Colony Life
- Choice of Problem/Research/Solve
- Energy/Radiation/Choice of Design
- Create an Advertising Video & Posters
- Laser Cutting/3D Print/Coding/Robotics
- Create an original art piece

# Student Take-Aways

- Time Management
- Collaboration
- Research Pathways
- Choice
- Cities in Space Competition
- Reflection



Where will your passion take you?





**SCAN ME**

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdjghQuE1GPnOiEulYq37QoI2jqKcZeo4INIZUSA98FCKQh5A/viewform>



Date:

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Person Responsible</b>	<b>Action Items/Notes</b>
Celebrations/ Jokes/ Silly Fun!		
Team Lead Update		
Biomed update		
Engineering Update		
Media Tech Update		
Problems/Solutions		
Upcoming Due Dates		

## Engineering Rubric

**Task Description:** Engineers will research how to create a design for primary & secondary energy sources and radiation shielding/protection for colony, suit, and transportation. They will also choose 3 or 4 (depends on number of engineers) other choice research/design options to help focus their colony on sustainability and success.

Criteria		Exemplary (4)	Admirable (3)	Acceptable (2)	Attempted (1)
<b>Research &amp; Citations</b>	<b>10%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Use of three or more sources, including at least two Internet and one print source; use of two search engines</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Variety of domain name suffix (.com, .edu, .net)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Factual information is accurate</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Narrow focus of topic</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> All sources are correctly cited in APA.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Use of two sources, including, including at least one Internet source; use of one search engine</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Most information can be confirmed</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Topic could be more narrowly focused</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Most sources are correctly cited in APA.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Use of one Internet source</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Some errors in information</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Topic somewhat broad</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Some sources are incorrectly cited</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Use of only one source</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Numerous errors in information</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Topic too general</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Sources are not cited</li> </ul>
<b>Primary &amp; Secondary Energy Sources</b>	<b>20%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Detailed description of practical need or problem to be solved.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Definition of criteria for proposed solutions (primary &amp; secondary).</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Detailed explanation of constraints</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> In depth exploration of alternatives to answer need or problem.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Detailed identification of solutions (primary &amp; secondary) .</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Prototype is designed using TinkerCad (primary &amp; secondary) and all parts appropriately labeled.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Good description of practical need or problem to be solved.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Definition of criteria for proposed solutions (primary &amp; secondary).</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Explanation of constraints</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Exploration of a few alternatives to answer need or problem.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Identification of solutions (primary &amp; secondary) .</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Prototype is designed using TinkerCad (primary &amp; secondary) and most parts appropriately labeled.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Weak description of practical need or problem to be solved.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Definition of criteria for proposed solutions (primary &amp; secondary).</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Explanation of constraints has few details.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Exploration of one or two alternatives to answer need or problem.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Identification of solutions has few details (primary &amp; secondary) .</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Prototype is designed using TinkerCad (primary &amp; secondary) and few parts appropriately labeled.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> No or little description of practical need or problem to be solved.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Definition of criteria for proposed solutions (primary &amp; secondary) is missing.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Explanation of constraints has no details.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> No exploration of alternatives to answer need or problem.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Identification of solutions has no details (primary &amp; secondary) .</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Prototype is designed using TinkerCad (primary &amp; secondary) and no parts appropriately labeled.</li> </ul>
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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Choice Research &amp; Design Options</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>20%</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Detailed description of practical need or problem to be solved.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Definition of criteria for proposed solutions (primary &amp; secondary).</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Detailed explanation of constraints</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> In depth exploration of alternatives to answer need or problem.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Detailed identification of solutions (primary &amp; secondary) .</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Prototype is designed using TinkerCad (primary &amp; secondary) and all parts appropriately labeled.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Good description of practical need or problem to be solved.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Definition of criteria for proposed solutions (primary &amp; secondary).</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Explanation of constraints</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Exploration of a few alternatives to answer need or problem.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Identification of solutions (primary &amp; secondary) .</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Prototype is designed using TinkerCad (primary &amp; secondary) and most parts appropriately labeled.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Weak description of practical need or problem to be solved.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Definition of criteria for proposed solutions (primary &amp; secondary).</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Explanation of constraints has few details.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Exploration of one or two alternatives to answer need or problem.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Identification of solutions has few details (primary &amp; secondary) .</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Prototype is designed using TinkerCad (primary &amp; secondary) and few parts appropriately labeled.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> No or little description of practical need or problem to be solved.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Definition of criteria for proposed solutions (primary &amp; secondary) is missing.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Explanation of constraints has no details.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> No exploration of alternatives to answer need or problem.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Identification of solutions has no details (primary &amp; secondary) .</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Prototype is designed using TinkerCad (primary &amp; secondary) and no parts appropriately labeled.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Poster</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>20%</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Correct grammar, usage, mechanics, and spelling.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Logical organization of material.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Clarity of graphics and legends.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Supporting documentation sited and displayed.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Poster represents all requirements of the research and design.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Few grammar, usage, mechanics, or spelling errors</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Logical organization of most of the material.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Clarity of most graphics and legends.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Most supporting documentation sited and displayed.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Poster represents all but one of the requirements of the research and design.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Several grammar, usage, mechanics, or spelling errors.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Logical organization of some of the material.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Clarity of some graphics and legends.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Some supporting documentation sited and displayed.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Poster represents all but two of the requirements of the research and design.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Obvious grammar, usage, mechanics, or spelling errors</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> No logical organization of the material.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Graphics and legends are not clear.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> No supporting documentation sited and displayed.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Poster does not represents all of the requirements of the research and design.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Teamwork</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>10%</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Work load is divided and shared equally.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Team communicates and collaborates to create a common vision.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Work load is divided, though somewhat unevenly.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Team has some struggles with communicating and/or collaborating.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Work load is not divided and one student does the bulk of the work.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Team does not communicate or collaborate on a regular basis.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Team did not produce cohesive products through lack of communication or collaborations.</li> </ul>

## Research & Design Energy: Due 10/07/2019

You will research and design a primary energy source and secondary energy source for your Colony. Creativity in your design is crucial to the success of your colony.

### **Step 1: Research possible Energy Sources.**

- **Read and discuss each of the following articles and discuss options for your colony.**
  - [How Astronauts get Energy in Space \(Links to an external site.\)](#)
  - [Can we harness energy from outer space? \(Links to an external site.\)](#)
  - [Energy Resources in Space \(Links to an external site.\)](#)
  - [What is Radiant Energy? \(Links to an external site.\)](#)
  - [Fuel Cells: A Better Energy Source for Earth and Space \(Links to an external site.\)](#)
  - [Possible Energy Sources on Mars \(Links to an external site.\)](#)
- **Questions that you need to answer.**
  - Which energy source has the potential to persist in the future?
  - Does it produce renewable energy?
  - Can the energy source be sustained for future generations?

### **Step 2: Design your primary energy source for your colony.**

- Characteristics of a good source of energy.
  - It should be a sustainable and renewable source of energy.
  - It should provide great amount of energy per unit mass or volume.
  - It should be easily accessible and provide energy for the maximum period of time.
  - It should not cause pollution.
  - It should be safe for the surrounding colonists.
  - It should be big enough to provide energy for your entire colony.
    - [Energy Usage Data \(Links to an external site.\)](#)
- Use [TinkerCad \(Links to an external site.\)](#) to design your primary energy source.
- Your design and research will be added to your engineering poster.

### **Step 3: Design your secondary energy source for your colony.**

- Read the following article and then design a secondary energy source for your colony. It must be a different design and source than your main energy design.
  - [Why have a back up energy source? \(Links to an external site.\)](#)
- There are only two characteristics for your secondary energy source.
  - It should not cause pollution.
  - It should be safe for the surrounding colonists.
  - It should be big enough to provide energy for your entire colony.
    - [Energy Usage Data \(Links to an external site.\)](#)
- Use [TinkerCad \(Links to an external site.\)](#) to design your secondary energy source.
- Your design and research will be added to your engineering poster.

## **Research Radiation Shielding/Protection: Due 10/21/2019**

You will research materials that could help create radiation shielding for your Colony, radiation shielding for a vehicle, and radiation protection for colonists/tourists. Creativity in your design materials is crucial to the success of your colony.

### **Step 1: Research possible Radiation Shielding/Protection Options.**

- **Read and discuss each of the following articles and discuss options for your colony.**
  - [How to Protect Astronauts from Space Radiation on Mars \(Links to an external site.\)](#)
  - [Space Radiation Won't Stop Human Exploration \(Links to an external site.\)](#)
  - [The Radiation Challenge \(Links to an external site.\)](#)
  - [\(Links to an external site.\)Plastic Could Protect Astronauts from Deep-Space Radiation \(Links to an external site.\)](#)
  - [\(Links to an external site.\)Shielding Astronauts from Space Radiation on the Way to the Moon \(Links to an external site.\)](#)
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- **Questions that you need to answer.**
  - What type of shielding will you need for "buildings" or "habitats"?
  - What type of shielding will you need for a "suit" or "outdoor protection"?
  - What type of protection will you need for vehicles?

### **Step 2: Justify the radiation shielding for your colony, colonists, and transportation.**

- Characteristics of good radiation shielding.
  - It should absorb or fragment a good portion of the radiation colonists are exposed to, inside & outside of the habitat.
  - It should be lightweight and flexible.
  - It should be able to reflect micrometeoroids.
  - It should be durable and long-lasting.
- Your research and justification will be added to your engineering poster.

## **Research & Design Choice: Due 11/04/2019**

### **Step 1: Choose an option below for your own independent research.**

- **Each engineer must choose an area to research. Three (3) Engineers means three different options. If you have another idea for your research & design, don't hesitate to pitch it to me.**
  - Terra-forming Design
  - Communications (Satellite) Design
  - Ground Transportation Design
  - Drone Exploration Design
  - Artificial Intelligence
  - Entertainment Venue Design
  - Robotics Design

**Step 2: Research your chosen option above.**

- **Questions that you need to answer.**
  - How does this help my colony thrive?
  - How will this improve the welfare of the colonists?

**Step 3: Design your option.**

- Provide Characteristics of your design
- Use the program of your choice to design your option.
- Your design and research will be added to your engineering poster.

**Engineering Poster Set Up: Due 11/18/2019**

You will pick up your trifold form me on our Cities in Space Competition Day on 12/02/2019. The format of your poster is below. You will use 11/18/2019 to plan and print all items for your poster.

Energy Source Research & Design  Primary  &  Secondary	Choice Research & Design	Radiation Research & Design  Habitat  Suit  Transportation
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Your poster should include:

- **Energy Source Research & Design(Left)**
  - Design #1: Primary Source
    - Research Highlights
  - Design #2: Secondary Source
    - Research Highlights
- **Choice Research & Design (Middle)**
  - Design#1: Engineer #1 Choice
    - Research Highlights
  - Design#2: Engineer #2 Choice
    - Research Highlights
  - Design#3: Engineer #3 Choice
    - Research Highlights
- **Radiation Research & Design(Right)**
  - Justification #1: Habitat
    - Research Highlights
  - Justification #2: Suit
    - Research Highlights
  - Justification #3: Vehicle
    - Research Highlights

**Strengths and Weakness:**

Name	Strength	Leadership Role	Pathway Role

**Roles and Responsibilities(Roles & Responsibilities will rotate)**

1. Who will check final deliverables against Rubric?
2. Who will check to see that all images have citations?
3. Who will check to make sure all slides or paragraphs have citations?
4. Who will proof-read all work (grammar & spelling)?
5. Who will be in charge of making sure your group is ready for the presentation?
6. Who will be in charge of emailing the teacher and group members all documents/submitting work on Blend?
7. Who will be in charge of making sure all work that is submitted is checked as "complete"?

**Contact Information:**

Email:	Phone #/Best time to contact

**Team Agreements:**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Team Agreements</b>
Roles + Work Ethic	
Respectful tone	
Equal Participation	
Offering a "Seat at the Table"	
POD Norms	



## Team Member Dismissal Procedures

1. First written warning – verbal
2. Second written warning – written warning ( email) \* you must write this email with your coaches guidance!
3. Third warning – Meeting with teacher
4. Dismissal from group – Upon dismissal group member is entitled to group products leading up to dismissal date, but all future assignments completed as an individual.  
\*Individuals dismissed from the group may not form or join another team.

### Responsibility Statement:

We understand that working with our team is important, supportive, and a learning opportunity. We understand that in the event that we; are not performing our assigned role ( as outlined above), hurting the culture of our team, choosing to do what is best for ourselves and not our team, or exhibiting any other behavior that does not support learning, that our team has the right to fire us. We understand that if we are fired, our collaboration and community grade will be very low.

**Signatures:**

**Date:**


Date: 10/7/19

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Person Responsible</b>	<b>Action Items/Notes</b>
<b>Celebrations/ Jokes/ Silly Fun!</b>	AnnaCate	“What is a ghost’s favorite color” “Boo”
<b>Team Lead Update</b>	Athena	(Read what BLEND said)
<b>Biomed update</b>	Marlen+Michelle	Researching on water
<b>Engineering Update</b>	Hannah+Ella	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Energy</li><li>• Tinkercad</li><li>• Radiation</li><li>• Read ALL articles</li></ul>
<b>Media Tech Update</b>	Isaiah	Getting posters done, work on skript
<b>Problems/Solutions</b>	Whole Group	Need to give Mariah a second warning
<b>Upcoming Due Dates</b>	Whole group	Media Tech-Posters due, the 21st Engineering-Energy+Radiation, due the 21st also