

Questions pertaining to President Kennedy's 1962 speech at Rice University

1. Read paragraph 9. In your own words, what was William Bradford stating?
2. How are the Pilgrims at Plymouth similar to space exploration?
3. What space goal did Kennedy set for the nation? When did he say it would be achieved by? Did they achieve it in time?
4. Read paragraphs 18 & 20. How many of the 45 satellites that had circled the Earth were made in the U.S.?
5. How did we benefit from satellites?
6. Read paragraphs 21 & 22. Who do you think Kennedy is referring to when he says "them"? Who are we behind?
7. Read paragraph 24. How many new jobs were created due to the Space program?
8. Read paragraph 25. What did each American have to pay per year for the space program?
9. Do you think the conclusion (paragraphs 28 & 29) is good? Why or why not?