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Close-Reading Questions

"Disaster in Space"

1. Consider the illustration, headline, and tag line on pages 4-5. What do they tell you?
(text features)
2. What mood do the headline, tag line, and illustration create? What effect do they have on the reader? (text features, mood)
3. On page 6, author Lauren Tarshis writes that the journey to the moon “would not be a luxurious ride.” How does she support this statement? (supporting details)

4. What does the section “A Space Race” add to the article? (text structure)
5. What was the purpose of the parachutes on the *Odyssey*? Why were they important? (key idea)
6. How does Tarshis view the Apollo 13 astronauts? (tone)
7. How does Tarshis create suspense in the last section of the article? (author’s craft)

Critical-Thinking Questions

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