

Name: _____ Date: _____

Would Philip Be a Successful Mars Colonist?

Directions: Read "The Mission." Then complete the activity below, which will prepare you to respond to the writing prompt on page 25.

Name three traits that a Mars colonist should have according to "The Mission." For each trait, provide text evidence and commentary. In other words, briefly explain how the evidence shows that the trait is considered important. Then explain whether or not Philip has that trait. We started one idea for you.

1. Trait: *scientific talent*

Text evidence with commentary:
Lauren, the director of the Mars mission selection committee, tells Philip, "... we're not just interested in your scientific aptitude" (20). Her comment reveals that one quality the committee is looking for in prospective Mars colonists is scientific aptitude (along with other qualities).

Does Philip have this quality?
Explain, using text evidence to support your conclusion.

2. Trait:

Text evidence with commentary:

Does Philip have this quality?
Explain, using text evidence to support your conclusion.

3. Trait:

Text evidence with commentary:

Does Philip have this quality?
Explain, using text evidence to support your conclusion.

Now choose three of the traits that are listed in "Could You Be a Mars Colonist?" and explain whether Philip has those traits. Provide text evidence and commentary.

4. Trait:

Does Philip have this trait?
Explain, using text evidence to support your conclusion.

5. Trait:

Does Philip have this trait?
Explain, using text evidence to support your conclusion.

6. Trait:

Does Philip have this trait?
Explain, using text evidence to support your conclusion.

7. Is there anything else about Philip that you think would or would not make him a successful Mars colonist? Explain.

Use the evaluation of Philip you have just completed to help you answer the writing prompt on page 25 of *Scope*: Based on "Could You Be a Mars Colonist?" and your own opinion, would Philip have been a successful Mars colonist? Support your answer with text evidence.