

Apollo 13 Follow-up Questions

1. The “space race” was a defining time in American history. Students of all ages were gathered into gyms, libraries & classrooms to watch the launches, interviews from space, space walks and moon exploration. Why was this such a big deal at the time and how do you think seeing those broadcasts live affected your parents and older teachers who watched those programs (think of how it might have affected you).
2. What do you think would have happened had the Apollo 13 astronauts died in space? Obviously the space program would have been cancelled but focus on how American history and culture would be different.
3. How are today’s critical technologies affected by the space program? Think about GPS, Cell phones and computers.