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The Stars and Stripes on Mars

Short Answer Key

1. The astronauts faced a violent Martian dust storm that made it difficult to maintain a steady course.
2. The astronauts secured the U.S. flag by using a flagpole and anchoring it into the rocky Martian terrain.
3. The thin Martian atmosphere made breathing difficult, and they had to rely on their spacesuits for protection.
4. Commander Ava made the critical decision to wait out a dust storm instead of attempting a risky escape. She made this choice to ensure the safety of the crew and the spacecraft, trusting in its durability to withstand the storm.

