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The Stars and Stripes on Mars

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Planting the U.S. flag on Mars was considered a historic milestone because it symbolized human achievement in space exploration and marked a significant step toward the exploration of other planets in our solar system.
2. The astronauts' teamwork and leadership were essential for overcoming challenges, such as the dust storm and securing the flag. They relied on each other's skills and expertise to accomplish their mission.
3. The "Stars and Stripes on Mars" mission would likely inspire future space exploration endeavors and ignite the aspirations of people on Earth to explore and colonize other planets. It could lead to increased investment in space exploration and scientific discovery.

