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The Race to Mars

Open Ended Questions

1. Explore the theme of competition and innovation in "The Race to Mars." How did the rivalry between MarsXplorer and RedRocket Inc. lead to creative and unconventional approaches to space exploration?
2. Discuss the role of humor and absurdity in the story. How did the unique design of Dr. Quirk's rubber duck spacecraft add a humorous element to the race?
3. Reflect on the idea that sometimes unconventional ideas and approaches can lead to unexpected outcomes, both positive and humorous. How might this concept apply to real-world innovation and exploration?
4. What lessons can be drawn from the race to Mars in terms of perseverance and adapting to unexpected challenges? How did Sandra Steele's determination contribute to her victory?

