

S.M.A.R.T.S. & the Mars Mission Mayhem

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HAVE
FUN!



Discuss

Talk through your thoughts.

- **Before reading:** looking at the cover and the title: what sort of challenges do you think Zoe, Jayden, and Caleb will face in this book?
- **After reading:** were you able to solve the mystery? Who did you think was guilty throughout the book? Did it change as you read further? Talk about why you picked who you did.

Create

Make an experience of your own.

- As part of the Mars Commission simulation, the students in S.M.A.R.T.S. got the opportunity to either be colonists on Mars or members of Mission Control. Which team would you rather be on and why? Write a paragraph applying for one of these positions.
- You get to be one of the reporters who got the scoop at the end of the story! Write a blog post or news article about the sabotaged teams and why the culprit did it.

Imagine

Use your imagination to explore.

- Imagine you live in a colony on Mars. What would you want that colony to be like? Is it how the author describes it? Or different? In what ways?
- Imagine you are a scientist leading a team of Mars researchers. Were there any references in this book you found that you didn't understand? Were there any context clues you could use to help you understand the idea the author was trying to express? Research one reference you didn't understand....

