1. What is the point of the discussion about the telephone in the introduction? What does this have to do with space travel?

2. What is an entrepreneur? What is the role of competition in bringing about progress?

3. What prediction does host Scott Bakula make about the next era of space exploration? How will it be different from the past?

4. How did the Space Race between the U.S. and Russia (USSR) come about?

5. What was the significance of Sputnik? How did the United States respond?

6. What did Neil Armstrong accomplish in 1969? What was significant about that?

7. For many Americans in 1969 there seemed to be no limit to what we could accomplish in space. What was the reason for this optimism?

8. Why, according to the video, did the space program never regain its early momentum after the first moon landing?

9. How did competition lead to the birth of the airline industry?

10. Why did Peter Diamandis create the X-Prize?

11. How did the X-Prize competition challenge the assumption that space travel could only be undertaken by governments?

12. Why are people investing large sums of money in the projects of the Space Tourism Society?

13. What do critics say about the idea of private space tourism?

14. Do you think affordable private space travel will become a reality during your lifetime? Why/why not?