## 2001: A Space Odyssey

## Politics & Times of the Late 60's When 2001 Was Released

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movie is based on the no				
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the streets. President	, who	) kicked-off our spac	e program in 196	6U
was assassinated in 1963	on as was his brother,	,	in June, 1968—1	ine
night he won the Califor lifelong, successful, and				162
Likewise, civil-rights lea were tumultuous, difficu	ut and troubling times	was assassinated Ap	лп, 1908. maeed	mese
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The movie opens up wit	h a scene with some ar	nes around a water h	ole Why do the	anes
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How does the scene by t	-	-		
jumping up and down ar	nd making loud noises	relate to present-day	mankind?	
List three things that diff	ferentiate man from otl	her primates?		
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a)				
b)				
c)				
What is the only species	to wage organized was	r on itself besides H	omo Sapiens?	
What is the significance	of the ane nounding th	ne skeleton with the l	hone? What does	the
bone represent? Hint: 7			bolic: What does	tile
oone represent. Time.	the answer is not weap	ons.		
What present-day space	vehicle does the docki	ng rocket from earth	going to the spa	ice
station in the movie look	k remarkably similar to	?		
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Why did the space ship	(snuthe) from earth doc	ck in the center of th	e space station?	

Why was the space station round and *rotating*? What purpose does the rotation of the space station serve?

The space station currently being built by the US and other countries in space is *not* round and *not* rotating. Why?

As the spaceship approaches the space station for landing, what is the relative (rotational) velocity?

Why did Kubrick use the Blue Danube Waltz by Richard Strauss for this scene?

Who was the first to advocate broadcasting TV from satellites in geosynchronous orbits in space in 1945?

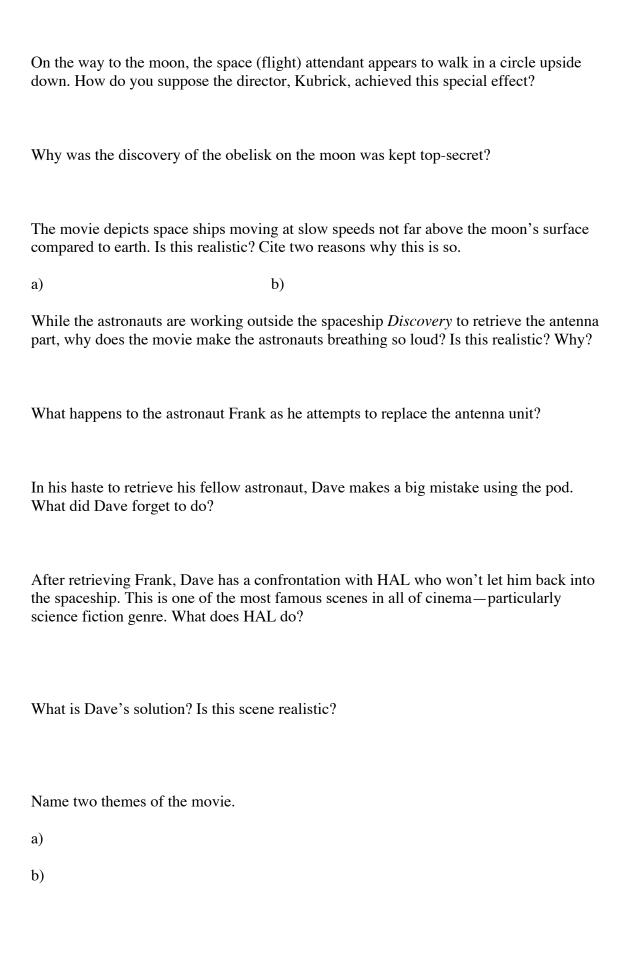
What famous computer firm do the letters HAL in HAL-9000 suggest?

Interestingly, Kubrick was criticized for making the spaceship *Discovery* on its voyage to Jupiter un-streamlined and not aerodynamic. Was criticism valid? Why or why not?

Why did HAL pick the antenna part to fail?

Putting astronauts in a state of "suspended animation" (in the deep freeze) makes sense because of conservation of resources. However, why were the astronauts put into this state several months *before* the launch?

How are the hallways of the space station depicted in the movie different than those here on earth?



**Free Response.** Would the discovery of intelligent life forms (i.e., more intelligent than man) elsewhere in the universe alter or change you belief systems (religion)? Why or why not?