

Space Coast Changes

How space work helped Florida's people, businesses, and communities grow

SS.4.A.8.3 "Describe the effect of the United States' space program on Florida's economy and growth."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline three details that show how the space program caused Florida's economy or population to grow, and number them 1, 2, and 3.

Launches and Local Growth

- ① The first rocket launch from Florida's Cape Canaveral took place in 1950. Its east coast location let rockets fly safely over the Atlantic Ocean. Launch work grew, and the Kennedy Space Center opened nearby in the 1960s. The space program brought scientists, engineers, construction workers, and their families to Brevard County. More people needed homes, schools, roads, stores, and services.
- ② Space activities created jobs at launch sites and at businesses that supported them. Local companies built parts, supplied food, repaired equipment, and provided transportation. Hotels and restaurants served workers and visitors. As paychecks were spent in the area, other businesses could hire more workers. This cycle helped Florida's economy grow beyond the jobs directly connected to rockets.
- ③ Florida also grew as people came to watch launches. Visitors spent money on lodging, meals, and souvenirs, which supported tourism jobs. New roads and communities developed as the population increased near the Space Coast. The program did not help every Florida place in the same way, but its jobs, spending, and visitors made the region around the launch centers an important part of Florida's growth.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 What did Brevard County need when space workers and their families moved there? Name two needs.

2 How did space jobs help businesses that were not directly launching rockets?

3 How did people who came to watch launches help Florida's economy?

4 Why did communities near the launch centers grow more than some other places in Florida?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Imagine a space-related company opens in a Florida town. Write exactly three sentences explaining how the company could affect the town's jobs, businesses, and population.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline three details that show how the space program caused Florida's economy or population to grow, and number them 1, 2, and 3. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What did Brevard County need when space workers and their families moved there? Name two needs.	It needed more homes, schools, roads, stores, or services.
2	How did space jobs help businesses that were not directly launching rockets?	Workers spent their paychecks locally, so other businesses could get customers and hire more workers.
3	How did people who came to watch launches help Florida's economy?	They spent money on lodging, meals, and souvenirs, supporting tourism jobs.
4	Why did communities near the launch centers grow more than some other places in Florida?	Communities near the centers received more space-related jobs, worker spending, visitors, and population growth.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

A company that builds rocket parts opens in a Florida town. It hires workers, so some families move there and need homes and stores. Visitors and workers spend money at local businesses, which can hire more people.

Accept accurate cause-and-effect explanations showing that space-related work brought jobs, spending, visitors, and population growth. For the open response, accept reasonable local effects that connect the company to jobs, businesses, and population in exactly three sentences.