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Writing Prompt

Think and Write

Directions: Read the Scholastic News Online article about space advances ("Lunar Lander Inventors Win Big"). Then respond to the writing prompt below. If you need more room, use a separate sheet of paper.

Before You Write

✔ Underline parts of the prompt that tell what you should do or answer.
✔ Create a quick outline or other organizer and use it to plan your writing.

After You Write

✔ Check that you addressed all parts of the prompt.
✔ Proofread for errors in grammar, punctuation, and spelling.

PROMPT:

Until recently, only NASA and other government space agencies were involved in space exploration. They built the spacecrafts and planned the missions. Now, that is changing.

Using details from this story, describe some ways in which private companies and individuals are getting involved in space. Why do you think these people and companies are so eager to be part of space travel? Why would NASA encourage their involvement?

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