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***Earthrise*** by Amanda Gorman  
Reading Discussion Questions Answer Key

1. Apollo 8 was only the second crewed spaceflight mission flown in the United States. Apollo 8 became the first spacecraft to leave low Earth orbit, reach the Moon, orbit it, and return, giving us our first picture of Earth from space.

Why do you think Amanda starts the poem with this information?

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2. Stanza 5 is only one line. "Climate change is the single greatest challenge of our time". Why does the author give this line its own stanza?

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3. Why is it important to know the facts about climate change? Re-read stanzas 6,7 & 8 to provide an example from the text to support your answer.

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4. In stanza 6, the author states, "It's getting the facts straight that gets us to act and not wait". Imagine you are speaking with someone who is just learning the facts about climate change. List a fact that you might share and why that fact may convince the learner to act.

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5. What metaphor does Amanda Gorman use for the earth in stanza 8?

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6. In stanzas 8, 9, & 10 Amanda Gorman talks about giving the next generation the planet they deserve. Why is climate change important for young people to learn about?

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7. Why is the word "now" repeated in stanza 10?

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8. In stanza 12, what does it mean to “choose hope”? What is something you have done that wasn't easy, but in the end, was important and necessary to do? Explain.

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9. What simile is used in stanza 13 to describe a spacecraft? Summarize stanza 13 in your own words.

Similie: \_\_\_\_\_

Summary: \_\_\_\_\_

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10. At the end of stanza 13, the author states, “All of us bring light to exciting solutions never tried before.” Use your science and engineering knowledge to imagine an idea that will help keep our families and planet healthy. Remember that even little changes can add up to a larger impact.

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11. In your own words, define 'earthrise'. Why is it important for *all* citizens to take action to stop climate change? List 3 ways you can start helping today?

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12. What is the theme of this poem? Explain your answer.

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