## Space For All



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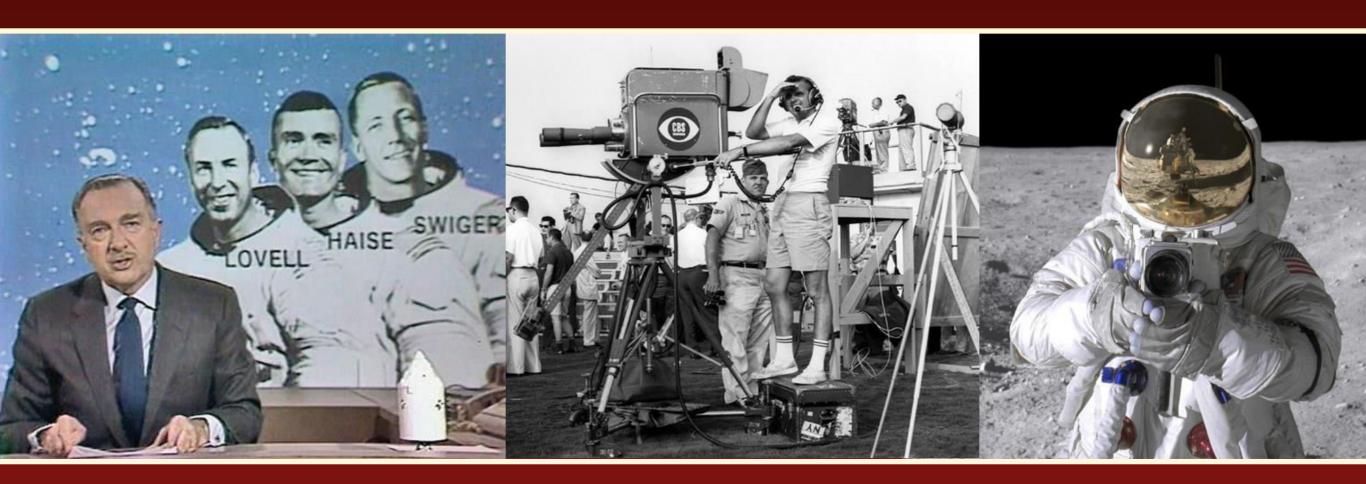
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Photographic images...provide most of the knowledge people have about the look of the past and the reach of the present.

-Susan Sontag

## Whose Media?



### Whose Stories?



### Blast Off

(1973)



I'll zoom through the sky into space.
I'll find new worlds and maybe meet new people, and I'll come back and be famous!

### Sojourner Rover

(1997)



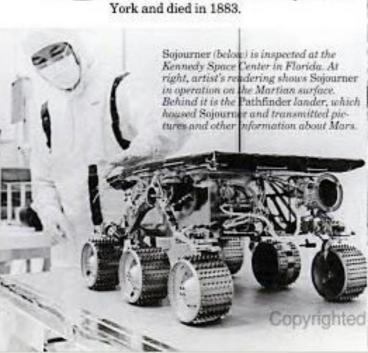
#### Mars Robot 'Sojourner' Named By Black Girl To Honor Abolitionist Sojourner Truth

Black history heroine Sojourner Truth is being remembered in a special, grand way.

NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) selected the name "Sojourner" for its new robot recently used to kick off a historic exploration of the planet Mars. The Sojourner is the first mobile vehicle to roam and explore another planet.

Valerie Ambroise of Bridgeport, CT, was 12 years old when she came up with the name "Sojourner" in a worldwide essay contest. She won the contest a year later at age 13 and is now 15.

The Sojourner is a tribute to Sojourner Truth, an abolitionist and champion of women's rights who lived during the Civil War era. She was born a slave in 1797 or thereabouts in upstate New





▲ Valerie Ambroise of Bridgeport, CT, who named the new Mars robot "Sojourner" in her awardwinning essay, is congratulated by Donna Shirley (l), head of NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory Mars Program, and Louis Friedman, executive director of The Planetary Society, during a ceremony in Washington, D.C.

Truth's legal name was Isabella Van Wagener, but she changed it to Sojourner Truth.

She said, "The Lord named me Sojourner because I am to travel up and down the land showing the people their sins and being a sign unto them," according to noted historian and EBONY Magazine Executive Editor Lerone Bennett Jr. in his book, Pioneers in Protest.

Students were invited to select a heroine and submit an essay about her historical ac-

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#### Making Ourselves Visible



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Until recently, we, others, were grateful just to be represented in your stories, grateful to be seen, to be of interest. But now, the time has come for us, women and people of color, to speak for ourselves. - Maggie Greenwald

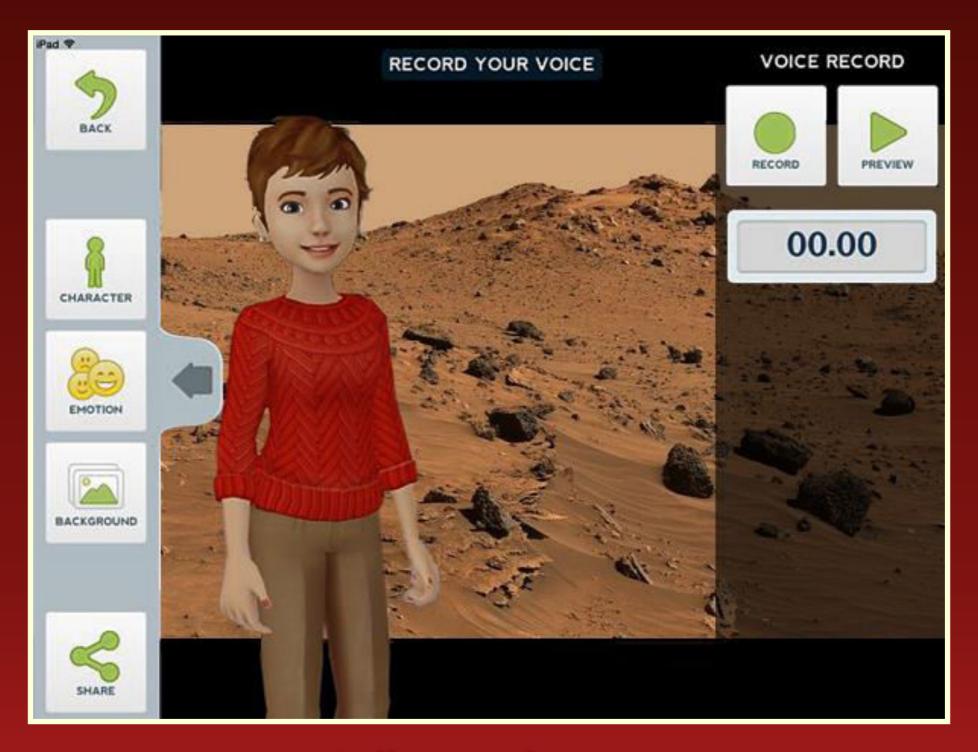
# Finding Our Voices Telling Our Own Stories



# Seeing Ourselves on the Screens

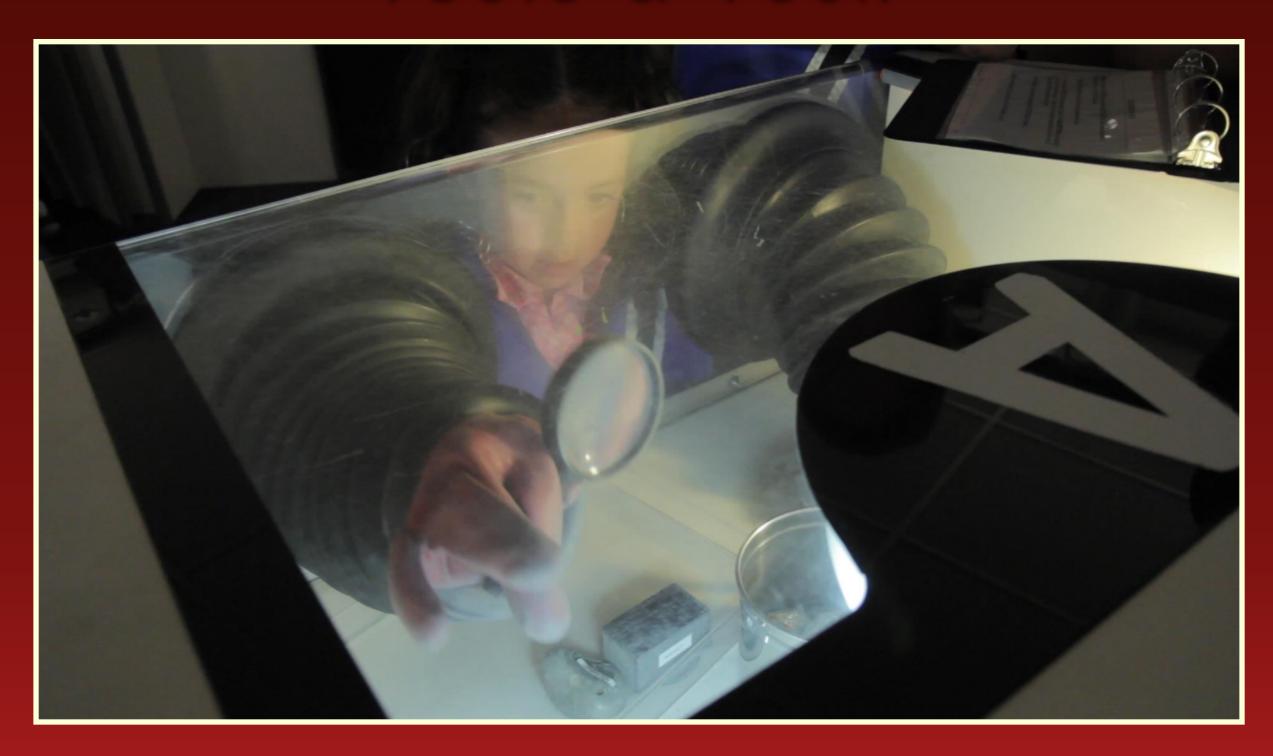


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Space is for everybody.

It's not just for a few people in science or math, or for a select group of astronauts.

That's our new frontier out there, and it's everybody's business to know about space.

- Christa McAuliffe, schoolteacher and first U.S. civilian in space

