Annotated Bibliography

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This front page from the *Daily Record* captures the immediate shock and national response to the Challenger disaster. The bold headline and somber tone reflect the magnitude of the tragedy. I used this to analyze how the media communicated the event to the public and shaped the national narrative in the hours following the explosion.

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This video shows the live NASA broadcast of the Challenger launch and explosion. Watching this real-time footage helped me analyze public reactions and how the event unfolded in front of a live audience.

KGW News. *KGW Archive: Portland Students React to the Challenger Disaster.* YouTube, uploaded by KGW News. Posted January 28, 2020. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eN19fR67oRc&ab_channel=KGWNews.
This archival video captures Portland students' emotional reactions to the Challenger disaster on the day it happened in 1986. The footage provides a unique perspective on how young people, many of whom had watched the launch live, processed the tragedy. I used this source to better understand the nationwide emotional impact of the disaster and how it especially affected schoolchildren who were inspired by teacher-astronaut Christa McAuliffe.

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Senator Glenn's emotional tribute reflects the national mourning and personal grief following the Challenger disaster. I used this to explore how astronauts and leaders responded emotionally and politically to the tragedy.

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shape my understanding of NASA's responsibility and the consequences of ignoring internal engineering warnings.

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This NASA bibliography covers the history of the space shuttle program and the Challenger disaster. It was useful for identifying key resources and references for my research.

Onizuka Memorial. *His Message.* 1980. https://onizukamemorial.org/his-message.
This page preserves a powerful message from Ellison Onizuka, one of the astronauts lost in the Challenger disaster. In it, he speaks to students about pursuing dreams and the importance of curiosity and exploration. I used this source to highlight the inspirational legacy of the Challenger crew and the personal values they hoped to pass on, which underscores the human loss behind the technical failure

Reagan, Ronald. *Address to the Nation on the Explosion of the Space Shuttle Challenger.* The Ronald Reagan Presidential Library, 1986. https://www.reaganlibrary.gov/archives/speech/address-nation-explosion-space-shuttle-challenger.
President Reagan's speech served as a critical national moment of mourning and unity. His rhetoric helped me understand how the government framed the Challenger disaster as both a tragedy and a moment of heroism.

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oundation%26Institute.
This speech was vital in understanding the emotional and national response to the Challenger disaster. It helped me grasp the public mourning and the way Reagan used his platform to provide comfort and unity during the crisis.

U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO). *NASA's Space Shuttle Challenger Disaster: A Summary of the Investigation.* GAO, https://www.gao.gov/assets/nsiad-90-187.pdf.
The GAO report provides an analysis of the aftermath of the Challenger disaster and recommendations for future space missions. It was helpful in understanding the policy and procedural changes that followed the tragedy.

WRTV Indianapolis.*1986: Local students react to Challenger disaster.* YouTube, uploaded by WRTV Indianapolis, January 28, 2016. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RJj1dgaadfE.
This news broadcast includes live reactions from students watching the Challenger explosion. Students express shock and confusion, capturing the emotional impact of the disaster on young viewers. Quotes support my exploration of how the tragedy affected the public, especially the millions of schoolchildren watching live.

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Time. "Christa McAuliffe, 1948–1986." Time, https://time.com/archive/6705428/christa-mcauliffe-1948-1986/.
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This article recounts the story of an engineer who raised concerns about the O-rings before the disaster. It was key to understanding the internal warnings and the engineering factors that contributed to the accident.

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The BBC article provides an analysis of the Challenger disaster and its impact on NASA's future missions. It helped me gain a broader perspective on the long-term effects the tragedy had on space policy and safety protocols.

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https://ethicsunwrapped.utexas.edu/ethical-lessons-learned-from-the-challenger-disaster.
This source provides an analysis of the ethical failures in the lead-up to the Challenger disaster, particularly regarding the decision to launch. It helped me understand the ethical frameworks that can prevent such tragedies in the future.

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The Arlington Cemetery webpage offers information about the memorial for the Challenger crew. It was helpful for understanding the significance of the memorial and the public

commemoration of the astronauts.

Challenger Learning Center. “The Challenger Learning Center.” Challenger Center, https://challenger.org/.
This website provides information on the Challenger Learning Center, which was created in memory of the crew. It was valuable for exploring the educational initiatives established in the wake of the disaster.

Images

NASA. "NASA Views Images, Confirms Discovery of Shuttle Challenger Artifact." NASA, https://www.nasa.gov/history/nasa-views-images-confirms-discovery-of-shuttle-challenger-artifact/.
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NASA. "Around a Star System." NASA, https://www.space.com/27600-around-a-star-system-space-wallpaper.html.
This space image provided a visual context for space exploration, contrasting with the Challenger tragedy.

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This photograph gave me a visual representation of the Challenger disaster, capturing the moment of tragedy.

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This space image offered a backdrop to explore the broader scope of space exploration, connecting to the Challenger mission.

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