

Project Hail Mary: facilitator notes

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Whole-book spoilers. Facilitation notes, not an answer key.

Opening lens

Project Hail Mary begins with Ryland Grace trying to understand his surroundings and his own missing past. The novel turns experiments into a way of learning about both a physical problem and another being. A discussion can distinguish a successful calculation from the harder work of deciding whom to trust.

Evidence method

Track a question, a test and the change in belief that follows it. Then place that sequence beside a relationship decision. Use chapters from the novel rather than scenes from an adaptation. Invented life forms and the story's speculative mechanisms are not presented here as established science.

Minutes	Task	Book-specific starting point
0-5	Scope and pass option	What did the opening let you infer before Grace could name his situation?
5-15	Opening reaction	Which early test made the problem-solving feel like part of the character rather than a separate lesson?
15-30	People and relationships	Where does cooperation require more than a shared practical interest? Identify a point when trust goes beyond the available proof.
30-45	Narrative choices	Where does the narrative separate being clever from being brave? Choose a moment that makes a simple hero label inadequate.
45-55	The ending	What does the ending call home? Compare a physical location with a relationship or a role Grace can occupy.

Minutes	Task	Book-specific starting point
55-60	One remaining question	Close with the moment where shared knowledge becomes shared obligation. That puts the final choice in view without treating a calculation as a complete moral answer.

Group 1 chapter cue

Choose a chapter built around a small test with an observable result.

Group 2 chapter cue

Bring a chapter where communication changes a practical decision.

Group 3 chapter cue

Find an ending passage and an earlier memory that complicate one another.

Closing direction

Close with the moment where shared knowledge becomes shared obligation. That puts the final choice in view without treating a calculation as a complete moral answer.

Edition and scope note

Use Andy Weir's novel for evidence rather than an adaptation. The prompts discuss the story's invented science as fiction. They do not verify its speculative mechanisms or require a participant to solve a real scientific problem.

Source

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