

A GLIMPSE INTO THE FUTURE

ELON MUSK, A VISION OF THE FUTURE



how is elon musk going to change the world for humankind?

A combination of wild ambition and extensive resources has allowed Elon Musk to disrupt several major industries. But how might he change the world in future?

5 For most of us, setting up the world's most popular online payment processor would look like success. But for one South African-born entrepreneur, it was just the prelude for bigger things.

That remarkable individual goes by the name of Elon Musk.

10 He is the founder of PayPal and SpaceX. You might also know him for his remarkably ambitious Hyperloop project, or his insane goal of establishing life on Mars.

With his billionaire swagger and technical prowess, Musk is like a real- world superhero. But are his projects really doing

15 good for the human race? And what can we expect next from this technology titan?

Having originally hypothesized about Mars colonization in 2001, Musk entered the new space race with SpaceX. The company now makes its money delivering supplies to the International Space Station.

20 However, Musk has much bigger ambitions for space. Back in 2011, he stated that he wanted to send humans to Mars within 10–20 years. This March, SpaceX began building a new rocket named BFR designed for interplanetary missions. It could

allow humans to take a pitstop at the Moon on the way to 25 more distant destinations.

Musk's name is also synonymous with Tesla, although he only got involved with the company as an early investor. After Musk took over as CEO, the company started innovating rapidly.

30 Aside from pretty cars, the company is working on numerous green technologies. For instance, there's the Tesla Semi, an electric truck with a range of 500 miles. Tesla is also investing heavily in battery production, while the company's SolarCity unit is installing thousands of efficient solar panels on homes every month. 35

Hyperloop is perhaps Elon Musk's most attention-grabbing project. This tunnel-based system could allow tourists and commuters to travel at 760 mph inside sealed "pods." Although the technology is still being developed, it could soon make certain intercity flights obsolete. 40

His infrastructure firm, The Boring Company, has already created a tunnel under Los Angeles.

After successfully reaching Mars with SpaceX, Musk then wants to colonize the red planet. His long-term goal is to have 80,000 people living there by 2040. 45

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2. Who is Elon Musk?
3. Name his most important projects.
4. Is he really a « real-world superhero »? Discuss
5. Explain his space projects.
6. What is Tesla? Explain
7. Explain his Hyperloop project,. How could this change our daily lives?
8. What is his next project? Do you think it might be possible?

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