

**BIG THINKER: Andy Weir**

ASSIGNMENT: Author of “The Martian”

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**BIO:** Andy Weir was first hired as a programmer for a U.S. laboratory at age 15 and has been working as a software engineer ever since. He is also a lifelong space nerd and a devoted hobbyist of subjects such as relativistic physics, orbital mechanics and the history of manned spaceflight. “The Martian” is his first novel.