Thought Questions for the Film "Contact"

Answer the following in complete sentences. Use examples from the movie to support your answer. Use the back of this sheet, or attach another sheet of paper to extend your answers.

1.	What is SETI?
2.	What are the two main problems SETI researchers commonly face?
3.	What are some of the positives/negatives of exploring space?
4.	What might a potential problem be with private funding for space exploration?

5.	The search for "truth" is a fundamental component of scientific research. Does this leave room for religious beliefs? How can/does religion co-exist with science? What does the movie say about this?
6.	What kind of person would make a good candidate for "contact" with other life forms (a diplomat for Earth)? What qualities would this person need?
7.	The film gives its idea of what "contact" would be like. How is this similar/different to how you envision it?