

SPACE RACE ERA TIMELINE (1955-1975)

DATE	NATION	MISSION / MILESTONE	SIGNIFICANCE
Oct 4, 1957	USSR	Sputnik 1	First artificial satellite to orbit Earth.
Jan 31, 1958	USA	Explorer 1	First US satellite; discovery of Van Allen belts.
Apr 12, 1961	USSR	Vostok 1	Yuri Gagarin becomes the first human in space.
May 5, 1961	USA	Freedom 7	Alan Shepard becomes the first American in space.
June 16, 1963	USSR	Vostok 6	Valentina Tereshkova: first woman in space.
Mar 18, 1965	USSR	Voskhod 2	Alexei Leonov performs the first spacewalk (EVA).
July 20, 1969	USA	Apollo 11	Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin walk on the Moon.
Apr 19, 1971	USSR	Salyut 1	Launch of the first orbital space station.
July 17, 1975	JOINT	Apollo-Soyuz	First international docking; end of the Space Race.