

THE SPACE RACE TIMELINE

1957 - 1975 | Cold War Era Competition

OCTOBER 4, 1957 Sputnik 1 Launch The USSR successfully launches the first artificial satellite into Earth's orbit.

APRIL 12, 1961 First Human in Space Yuri Gagarin (USSR) orbits the Earth aboard Vostok 1.

MAY 25, 1961 The Kennedy Challenge President JFK announces the goal of landing a man on the moon before the decade ends.

JULY 20, 1969 Moon Landing (Apollo 11) Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin become the first humans to walk on the lunar surface.

JULY 17, 1975 Apollo-Soyuz Mission The first joint US-USSR mission, marking the end of the Space Race through cooperation.