

HISTORICAL SPACE RACE TIMELINE

OCT 4, 1957 Sputnik 1 Launch USSR launches the first artificial satellite into Earth orbit, marking the beginning of the Space Age.

APR 12, 1961 First Human in Space Yuri Gagarin (USSR) completes one orbit of Earth aboard Vostok 1.

MAY 25, 1961 The Moon Challenge President John F. Kennedy announces the goal of landing a man on the Moon before the decade is out.

JUN 16, 1963 First Woman in Space Valentina Tereshkova (USSR) orbits the Earth 48 times in Vostok 6.

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

JUL 17, 1975 Apollo-Soyuz Project The first joint US-Soviet space flight, symbolizing a period of detente and cooperation.