

# SPACE RACE HISTORY TIMELINE

Major Milestones: 1957 - 1975

## **1957 Sputnik 1: The First Satellite**

[Illustration: Sputnik Sphere with 4 Antennas]

The USSR launches the world's first artificial satellite, marking the official beginning of the Space Race.

## **1961 Vostok 1: First Human in Orbit**

[Illustration: Yuri Gagarin in Helmet]

Yuri Gagarin becomes the first human to journey into outer space and orbit the Earth.

## **1963 Vostok 6: First Woman in Space**

[Illustration: Valentina Tereshkova]

Valentina Tereshkova orbits the Earth 48 times, remaining the only woman to have been on a solo space mission.

## **1969 Apollo 11: Moon Landing**

[Illustration: Lunar Module on Moon Surface]

NASA successfully lands Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin on the lunar surface. "One small step for man..."

## **1975 Apollo-Soyuz Test Project**

[Illustration: US and USSR Spacecraft Docking]

The first joint U.S.-Soviet space flight. The docking of the two crafts symbolizes the end of the Space Race tension.