

SPACE RACE MILESTONES

1957 - 1975 – The Competition for the Heavens

USSR **Sputnik 1** First artificial satellite to orbit Earth.
OCT 1957

JAN 1958
USA **Explorer 1** First US satellite; discovered Van Allen belts.

USSR **Vostok 1** Yuri Gagarin becomes the first human in space.
APR 1961

MAY 1961
USA **Freedom 7** Alan Shepard: First American in space.

USSR **Voskhod 2** Alexei Leonov performs the first spacewalk.
MAR 1965

JUL 1969
USA **Apollo 11** First humans (Armstrong/Aldrin) land on the Moon.

JOINT **Apollo-Soyuz** First international docking; end of Space Race.
JUL 1975