

Key Events

The Space Race was between Russia and the USA.

October 1957	Russia sends the first artificial satellite to orbit the Earth.	Sputnik 1
November 1957	Russia sends the first dog into orbit (Laika).	Sputnik 2
January 1961	USA sends the first chimpanzee into space (Ham).	Mercury-Redstone
April 1961	Russia completes the first human space flight (Yuri Gagarin).	Vostok 1
June 1961	Russia sends the first woman into space (Valentina Tereshkova).	Vostok 6
June 1969	USA wins the race with the first man on the moon (Neil Armstrong).	Apollo 11 - NASA

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Crucial Curriculum Content:

- To sequence events on a timeline.
- To know who won the Space Race.
- To know why animals went to Space.
- To research Neil Armstrong.



Key Figures

Laika - First Dog in Space



Ham the Chimp - First Chimpanzee in Space



Yuri Gagarin - First Man in Space



Valentina Tereshkova - First Woman in Space



Neil Armstrong - The first Man on the Moon



Key Vocabulary

Satellite	An object that orbits a planet or moon.	Space flight	A journey through space.
Orbit	A repeating path that one object in space takes around another.	Launched	To send a space craft on its course or journey.
Gravity	A force which tries to pull two objects toward each other.	Space Shuttle	A rocket launched spacecraft able to land and make repeated journeys between the Earth and space.
Space	The area that contains the entire universe beyond the earth-outer space.	Space station	A large artificial satellite used as a long-term base for manned operations or missions in space.