

Space Race Timeline!

November 1957	USSR launches Sputnik 2 which carried a small dog named Laika into orbit.
January 1958	Explorer 1, the first American satellite to reach orbit, is launched.
January 1959	Luna 1 is launched by the USSR. It is the first man made object to orbit the Sun.
April 1960	Tiros 1, the first successful weather satellite, is launched by America.
April 1961	Yuri Gagarin (USSR) is the first man in space. His spacecraft completed an orbit of the Earth on 12 th April 1961.
May 1961	American President Kennedy sets NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) the task of landing a man on the moon within 10 years.
June 1963	Cosmonaut Valentina Tereshkova becomes the first woman in space.
November 1963	President Kennedy is assassinated.
March 1965	Alexey Leonov (USSR) is the first human to conduct a space walk, leaving his capsule of Voskhod 2.
June 1965	Ed White performs America's first spacewalk.
November 1965	Venus 3 is launched. It becomes the first man made object to impact Venus.
July 1969	USA lands the first man on the moon, Neil Armstrong.

