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# Title: Why did mankind race to space?



## Lesson objectives:

**Investigate** the chronology of the Space Race.

**Judge** why the Space Race was important after the Second World War.

### GREENS

Identify the main events of the Space Race.

Explain which event you think helped to win the Space Race.

### YELLOWS

Create a story board of the main events of the Space Race.

Judge which country was winning the Space Race for the longest time.

### BLUES

Create a story board and explain the important stages of the Space Race.

Explain which event you think was least important in the Space Race and why other events were more important.



# What reasons does President Kennedy give for racing to space?



1 reason.

2 reasons with evidence.

2 reasons with evidence and explanation.

President Kennedy had many reasons for racing to space, including ...

**CHALLENGE:** How do you think the leader of the USSR would have reacted to this speech?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9J8uw4oEOBq>

# Why does General George J. Keegan think mankind raced to space?



1 reason.

2 reasons with evidence.

2 reasons with evidence and explanation.

General George J. Keegan thought mankind had many reasons for racing to space, including ...

**CHALLENGE:** How much can we trust the speech of an American general on this topic? Explain your answer.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/p0285z2y/horizon-19811982-the-race-to-ruin#group=p02865b6>

By the mid-1950s, the U.S.-Soviet Cold War had worked its way into the fabric of everyday life in both countries, **fuelled by the arms race and the growing threat of nuclear weapons, wide-ranging espionage (spying) and counter-espionage between the two countries**, war in Korea and a clash of words and ideas carried out in the media.

The tensions would continue throughout the space race, aggravated by such events as the construction of the Berlin Wall in 1961, the Cuban missile crisis of 1962 and the outbreak of war in Southeast Asia. **Space exploration served as another dramatic arena for Cold War competition.**



# HOW did man race to space?



Use the storyboard sheet to create a story of the Space Race. Remember to include the key parts of the race and show which country was involved.

Which event do you think won the Space Race? Explain your answer.

Look at your storyboard. Which country was 'winning' the Space Race for most of the time and why did you think this?

Explain which event you think was least important in the Space Race and why other events were more important.

**CHALLENGE:** Using your knowledge of the Space Race, why do you think this period was called the "Cold War"?



# Who won the Space Race?

Get in to pairs. Number yourselves 1 and 2.

Number 1's: as you watch the clip, write down arguments that show the USSR won the Space Race.

Number 2's: as you watch the clip, write down arguments that show the USA won the Space Race.

Now compare answers and add key points in green pen.



# Who won the Space Race?



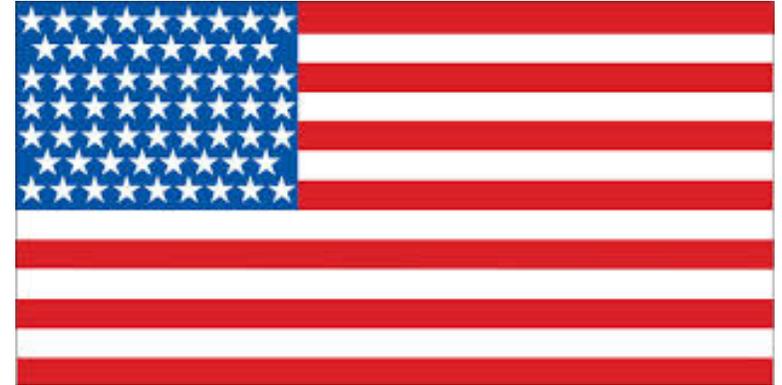
## USA

Eisenhower rush to launch satellite but this failed 'caput-nik'

Explorer successfully launched

May 1961 - announcement of getting man on moon. Apollo programme succeeded with 1969

John Glen in orbit Feb 1962- first man to do this.



## USSR

Oct 1957- Sputnik- first satellite that started the race (not first technology, as this was Germany)

August 1957 inter ballistic missile first tested

Yuri 1961 April first man in space

## NEITHER

Brezhnev and Nixon sorted to cooperation rather than competition - gifts exchanged and friendship started.



# Interpretations: Who won?

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What reason does the interpretation give for America's failure in the Space Race?

Give two quotes that show the interpretations opinion on who won the Space Race. Do you agree?

Use 2 quotes to explain what this interpretation says about who won the Space Race and how far you agree with the interpretations.

**CHALLENGE:** Why might this historian have this view? Can you trust it?

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This interpretation says America lost the space race because...

This interpretation says X won the space race because... and... I agree/disagree with this because...

This interpretation states ...  
This meant that...  
In addition it states...  
Overall, I partially/somewhat agree/disagree because...

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WWW	EBI
<p>Good understanding of the interpretation.</p> <p>Good selection of quotes.</p> <p>Good discussion of whether you agree with the quote.</p> <p>Good use of knowledge to explain whether you agree or not.</p> <p>Good understanding of why the historian has this view.</p> <p>Good explanation of whether you trust the historian or not.</p>	<p>Sum up the historians point of view. Who won the race?</p> <p>Give another clear quote that shows the historians view.</p> <p>Add a piece of knowledge that shows America lost the Space Race.</p> <p>Add a pieces of knowledge that opposes the historian and shows the USSR lost.</p> <p>Explain why a British historian might think America lost. Explain why this historian can/cannot be trusted.</p>

Give your partner a WWW and an EBI.

Give your partner a WWW and an EBI and add a sentence to improve their answer.

Give your partner a WWW and an EBI and challenge their answer. Write a sentence that suggests why others disagree with this historian.

**CHALLENGE:** Can you create the perfect answer?

