



### Key Questions

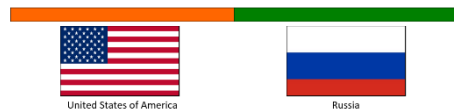
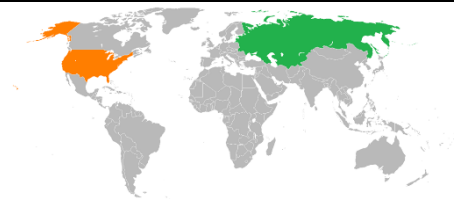
**Why was space travel so important?**

**Who were the first people to travel into space/the moon and what did they accomplish?**

**How do we know what happened during The Space Race?**

**What did they do on the moon and how did they get there and back safely?**

### Location (Geography Link)



### The Space Race

The Space Race was a competition of space exploration between the Soviet Union (now Russia) and the United States of America, which lasted from 1955 to 1969 (over a decade). The Space Race became an important part of the rivalry between the United States and the Soviet Union during the Cold War. Space technology became an extra important area in this rivalry, because of possible military uses.

### The Astronauts

**Neil Armstrong**  
Mission Commander



**Edwin 'Buzz' Aldrin**  
lunar module pilot



**Michael Collins**  
command module pilot



### Historical Sources

Television and the internet has added more evidence for historical events

Television/ films	Newspapers	Audio	Books
Photographs	Artefacts	Documents	

### Key Vocabulary

<b>Astronaut</b>	A person trained to take part in space flight
<b>Soviet</b>	A citizen of the former Soviet Union, now Russia.
<b>Satellite</b>	A small object that orbits, or revolves around, a larger object in space
<b>Apollo 11</b>	The first manned mission of the United States Apollo program, which had as its ultimate goal a manned lunar landing.
<b>NASA</b>	National Aeronautics and Space Administration.
<b>Sputnik</b>	First artificial Earth satellite.
<b>Rivalry</b>	Trying to defeat or be more successful than another
<b>Decade</b>	A period of ten years
<b>Space Station</b>	A large satellite used as a long term base for manned operations or missions in space
<b>Pioneer</b>	A person who begins or helps develop something new and prepares the way for others to follow
<b>Superpower</b>	A country that is one of the most powerful countries in the world

### The Cold War

The Cold War was a long period of tension between the Western World and the countries of Eastern Europe. The west was led by the United States and Eastern Europe was led by the Soviet Union. These two countries became known as superpowers.

### Chronology

**October 1957**

Russia sends the first artificial satellite to orbit the Earth (Sputnik 1)



**November 1957**

Russia sends the first dog into orbit (Laika)



**January 1961**

USA sends the first chimpanzee into space (Ham)



**April 1961**

Russia completes the first human space flight (Yuri Gagarin)



**June 1961**

Russia sends the first woman into space (Valentina Tereshkova)



**June 1969**

USA wins the race with the first man on the moon (Neil Armstrong)

