

Space Race

*"We choose to go to the moon in this decade
and do the other things...not because they
are easy, but because they are hard."*

John F. Kennedy

It Begins

1. In 1962, President Kennedy announces U.S. intentions to reach the moon
 1. No technology existed to support this promise





Events Leading up to Americans Walking on the Moon

1. **1957** The Soviet Union launches Sputnik, the first artificial Earth satellite.
2. **1958** The United States launches its first satellite, Explorer I.
 1. NASA is formed in the U.S.



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3. 1959 The Soviet Union launches Luna 2.

1. First space probe to hit the moon



4. 1961

1. Soviet Yuri Gagarin becomes the first person to orbit the Earth.

2. Alan Shepard, Jr. becomes the first American in space.



5. 1962

1. John Glenn, Jr. becomes the first American astronaut to orbit the Earth.

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6. 1963

First woman in space is Soviet Valentina Tereshkova.

7. 1968 The U.S. launches Apollo 8, the first manned space mission to orbit the moon.

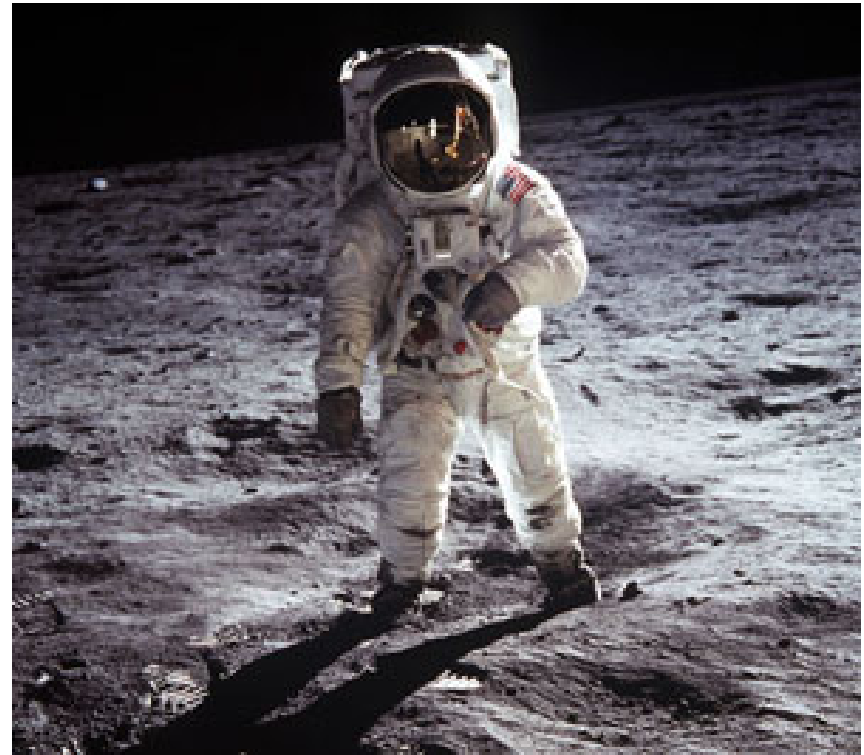
8. 1969

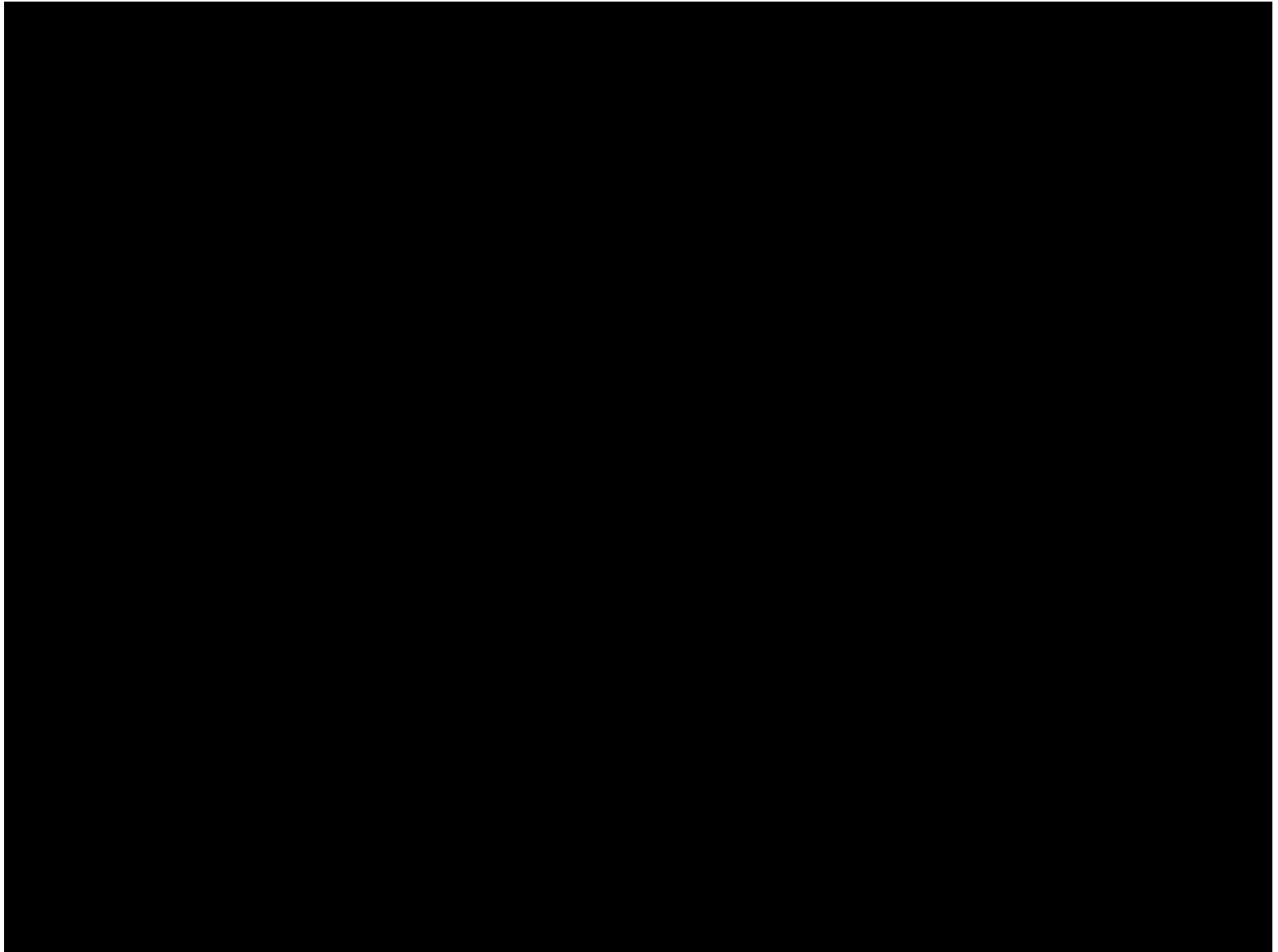
Apollo 11- U.S. astronauts Neil Armstrong and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin walk on the moon.

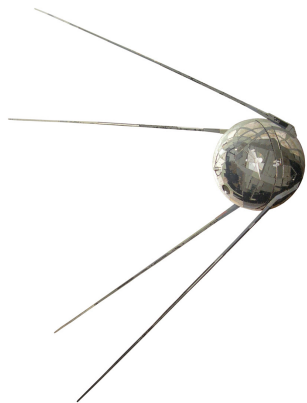


U.S. wins!

1. By reaching the moon first, the United States won the space race
2. Important media event
 1. The world watched each country's progress with great interest.
 2. Did capitalism win?



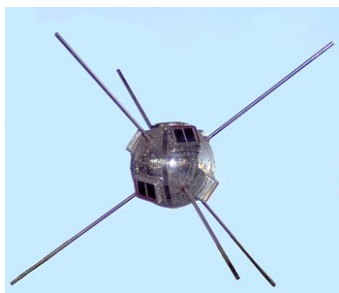




Sputnik I



Explorer I



Vanguard I



Mercury



Vostok I

