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- March 16, 1926: Robert Goddard launches the first liquid-propelled rocket
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- October 14, 1947: The speed of sound is broken by Chuck Yeager when he flies a Bell X-1 rocket airplane faster than the speed of sound
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- October 4, 1957: The first satellite, Sputnik, is launched by the Soviet Union
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- November 3, 1957: Laika, the first dog in space, is launched aboard Sputnik 2 by the Soviet Union
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- January 31, 1958: The first United States satellite, Explorer 1, is launched
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- October 7, 1958: The United States begins the Mercury project
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- April 12, 1961: Yuri Gagarin is the first human in space
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- May 5, 1961: Alan Shepard becomes the first American in space aboard Freedom 7
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- May 25, 1961: The goal of the United States reaching the moon by the end of the decade is set by President John F. Kennedy
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- February 20, 1962: John Glenn becomes the first American to orbit the Earth
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- June 16, 1962: Valentina Tereshkova of the Soviet Union becomes the first woman in space
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- March 18, 1965: Alexi Leonov of the Soviet Union completes the first spacewalk
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- March 23, 1965: The United States launches the first piloted Gemini mission
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- June 3, 1965: Ed White becomes the first American to walk in space



★ July 14, 1965: The first pictures of Mars are seen when Mariner 4 transmits them to Earth

● February 3, 1966: The Soviet Union's unmanned Luna 9 becomes the first spacecraft to land on the moon

★ June 2, 1966: The United States lands Surveyor 1, an unmanned spacecraft, on the moon

● January 27, 1967: A fire during a rehearsal test kills the three astronauts aboard Apollo 1

★ December 21, 1968: Apollo 8 and her crew are the first to orbit the moon

● July 20, 1969: Neil Armstrong and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin are the first men to walk on the moon

★ April 17, 1970: Apollo 13 safely lands after experiencing several dangerous incidents in space

● April 19, 1971: Space station Salyut 1 is launched by the Soviet Union

★ May 14, 1973: The United States launches Skylab, its first space station

● July 17, 1975: Capsules sent by the United States and the Soviet Union dock together in space for the first time during the Apollo-Soyuz Test Project



★ December 15, 1979: The Soviet Union's Venera 7 becomes the first probe to land on Venus

● April 12, 1981: The United States launches the first space shuttle, Columbia

★ August 26, 1981: Images of Saturn are first received from Voyager 2

● June 19, 1983: Sally Ride is the first American woman in space aboard the shuttle Challenger





★ August 30, 1983: Guion Bluford is the first African American in space

● January 28, 1986: The space shuttle Challenger explodes shortly after it takes off

★ February 20, 1986: The Soviet Union launches the core module of the Mir space station

● August 24, 1990: The Hubble Space Telescope is deployed from the space shuttle Discovery

★ September 12, 1992: Mae Jemison is the first African American woman in space

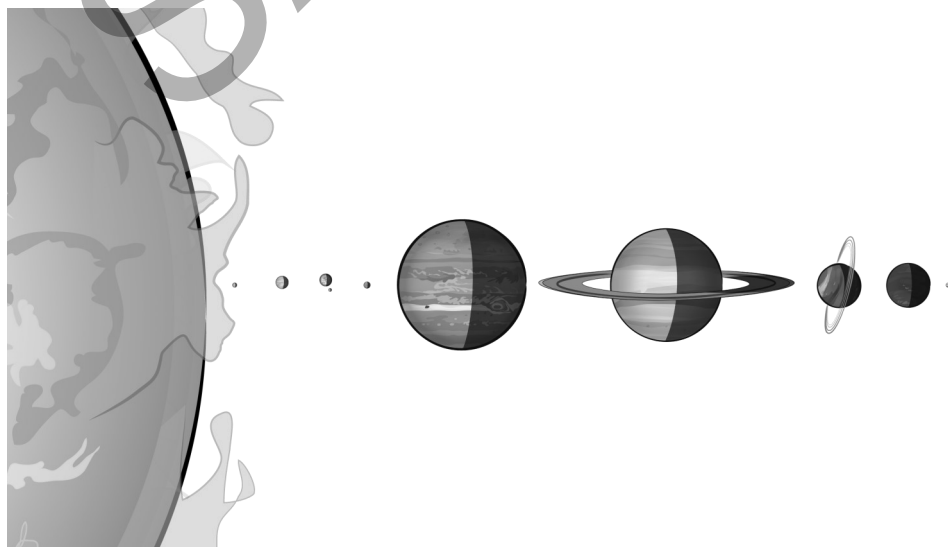
● November 20, 1998: The first portion of the International Space Station is launched into space by Russia

★ February 1, 2003: The space shuttle Columbia explodes on re-entry in the Earth's atmosphere

● July 1, 2004: The Cassini-Huygens mission enters Saturn's orbit

★ July 21, 2011: Space Shuttle Atlantis completes the final shuttle mission

● May 30, 2020: SpaceX launches a crewed mission to the International Space Station





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