



Year Two History Space Pioneers



In **The Space Race**, the United States of America and The Soviet Unions were **rivals**. Both countries wanted their astronauts to be the first to explore space

A team of people at N.A.S.A. worked together on the moon landing.

Neil Armstrong - An astronaut who was the first person to walk on the moon.

Buzz Aldrin - An astronaut who was the second person to walk on the moon. He did many experiments on the moon.

Michael Collins - the pilot of Apollo 11

Katherine Johnson - A mathematician who worked out how Apollo 11 would travel to the moon and back safely.



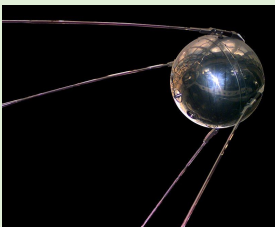
Mae Jemison was the first African American woman to become an astronaut.



Chronology

October 1957

The Soviet Union sent the first satellite into space. It was called **Sputnik**.



November 1957

A spacecraft from the Soviet Union, called Sputnik 2, took a dog named Laika into space.



1961

A Russian astronaut called Yuri Gagarin was the first person to travel to space.



1969

American astronauts were the first people to land on the moon.



significant	important
engineer	A person who designs or builds a machine or structure. For example, bridge, a car, a computer or a spaceship.
pioneer	The first person to do something, explore or create something.
artificial satellite	A human-made object and launched into space to orbit Earth. They have special jobs to do. E.g. helping humans to get directions on a computer or phone, watch television, check the weather, carry out scientific research.
rival	Someone who wants to win a competition.
timeline	a way historians show the order of events
chronology	time order
orbit	go around and around