



Y2 Thinking like a historian

The Space Race



The **Space Race** was a competition of space exploration between the Russia and the United States, which lasted from 1955 to 1969.

Both countries wanted to be the first to land on the moon.



Russian Cosmonaut **Yuri Gagarin** became the first person in space on April 12, 1961. His flight lasted just under two hours.



Apollo 11 was launched on July 16, 1969. It had three people. The Commander's name was **Neil Armstrong**, and the two others were **Michael Collins** and **Edwin Aldrin**.



On July 20, 1969, Neil Armstrong became the first human to set foot on the Moon. He said the famous words:

"That's one small step for man. One giant leap for mankind."

Vocabulary

Space	flight
Astronaut	mission
Earth	space station
Moon	