

The space race

What was the space race?

The Space Race was a competition of space exploration between the Soviet Union and the United States, which lasted from 1957 to 1969. It had to do with the efforts to explore outer space with artificial satellites, to send humans into space, and to land them on the Moon.



Why was the space race so important?

The Space Race was considered important because it showed the world which country had the best science, technology, and economic system. After World War II both the United States and the Soviet Union realized how important rocket research would be to the military. ... The Russians had taken the lead in the Space Race.

Who won the space race?

If we define the 'space race' as spaceflight capability, the Soviets won it hands down. But it was the Americans who got to define the space race for posterity when President John F. Kennedy called for putting a man on the moon by the end of the 1960s.