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**PROJECT IDEA**

Small Steps to Giant Leap

Project Type: Graphic Timeline

Your Goal:

The Soviets and the Americans had to overcome huge technological obstacles in order to take humans from March 1 to a Moon landing. Create a graphic timeline that features all of the innovations that both sides contributed to achieve the greatest technological feat of the 20th century. Your graphic timeline can contain all photography, video clips, illustrations, and some words. Just keep in mind that most of the story should be told visually.

Get Started:

Begin by making a list of all the obstacles that had to be overcome and new technologies that had to be created to get a person on the moon. Examples include creating the space shuttle and building a rocket large enough to hold more than one person.

Follow These Steps:

- Once you have your list, begin to research each event to see what kinds of images are available to you.
- Select from the available graphics the ones that you will use to tell the story of technological innovation visually.
- You will be presenting your timeline to your classmates, so think of what kind of an effect you would like to have on your audience.

Embedded Media

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- NASA-Apollo-Soyuz: An orbital partnership begins
- The Moon Landing: Apollo 11
- Modern History Sourcebook: John F. Kennedy: The Space Challenge, Sept 3, 1962
- Space Race Exhibition
- Race to the Moon



### Key People

- Neil Armstrong
- Frank Borman
- John Glenn
- Alan Shepard

### Places & Events

- Cold War
- Russia, The Soviet Era

### Literature

- Queen Mab
- From Earth to the Moon
- The First Men in the Moon

### Primary Sources

- John F. Kennedy's Speech at Rice University, 1962
- President Barack Obama's speech at the John F. Kennedy Space Center, 2010
- Quotes about the U.S. Space Program and Spaceflight

### News Stories

- Space: The Ultimate Vacation Destination

### Challenge Reading

- Space Satellites
- Space Agencies and Centers
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### Video

- Soviet Military Parade
- President John F. Kennedy's Address to Congress, 1961
- Friendship 7 Liftoff

### Diagram

- Inside the Gemini Spacecraft

- The First Spacewalk
- The Apollo 11 Moon Landing
- The Apollo-Soyuz Docking