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Space Race Webquest

Background:

1. Early in the race for space, what country was leading the way in terms success in space travel? Why?
2. What is one of the examples given for Russian "firsts" in space?
3. What is Kennedy's ultimate goal for space travel for the decade of the 1960's?

Soviet Space Program:

4. What was Sputnik? How much did it weigh?

5. What did the U.S. fear as result of the Sputnik launch?

6. Who was the first creature to be in space? Did it safely return? What fact did they not release until later?

US Space Program:

7. How does the United States respond in relation to Sputnik?

8. What does Explorer 1 discover?

(Use google for the next questions, or you can try and navigate the NASA website)

9. What years did the apollo missions take place?

10. Were all of the missions successful? If not what happened?

Not part of Webquest:

Why was the space race an important part of the Cold War? How was it a competition? Why do you think “winning” this competition was important?