



# Space Exploration

**1961**

Yuri Gagarin  
First Human in Space



**1981**

Space Shuttle Program  
began with the launch of the  
*Columbia*



**1959**

Sputnik 1  
launched by  
the Soviet Union



**1969**

First humans land on moon—  
Neil Armstrong & Buzz Aldrin



**1998**

Construction of  
International Space  
Station