

World History of Space Exploration

World History · Answer Key · 8 Questions

1. In 1961, who became the first human to travel into outer space?

- A) Neil Armstrong
- B) Yuri Gagarin**
- C) John Glenn
- D) Buzz Aldrin

2. Which artificial satellite, launched by the Soviet Union in 1957, was the first to orbit Earth?

- A) Explorer 1
- B) Sputnik 1**
- C) Vanguard 1
- D) Apollo 11

3. In 1969, which NASA space mission successfully landed the first humans on the Moon?

- A) Apollo 11**
- B) Apollo 8
- C) Gemini 4
- D) Mercury-Redstone 3

4. Which 16th-century Polish astronomer proposed the heliocentric model, stating that planets revolve around the Sun?

- A) Ptolemy
- B) Nicolaus Copernicus**
- C) Isaac Newton
- D) Aristotle

5. Who was the first woman to travel into space, orbiting Earth aboard Vostok 6 in 1963?

- A) Sally Ride
- B) Valentina Tereshkova**
- C) Mae Jemison
- D) Kalpana Chawla

6. In 1609, which Italian scientist was among the first to use a telescope to observe space, discovering four moons of Jupiter?

- A) Galileo Galilei**
- B) Albert Einstein
- C) Johannes Kepler
- D) Tycho Brahe

7. What was the name of the Soviet space dog that became the first animal to orbit Earth in 1957?

- A) Belka
- B) Strelka
- C) Laika**
- D) Baker

8. Deployed into orbit in 1990, which famous space telescope provided groundbreaking images of distant galaxies and nebulae?

- A) James Webb Space Telescope
- B) Hubble Space Telescope**
- C) Kepler Space Telescope
- D) Spitzer Space Telescope