

JOURNEY THROUGH SPACE TIMELINE

- 1609:** **Galileo** builds his first telescope, where he discovered the craters on Earth's moon.
- 1957:** The Soviet Union successfully launched **Sputnik 1**, the world's first human-made satellite.
- 1959:** The Soviet Union launches **Luna 2**, was the first probe to land on the moon. **Luna 3** became the first probe to take pictures of the far side of the moon.
- 1962:** John Glenn became the first American to orbit the Earth on **Friendship 7**.
- 1966:** Russia launched **Luna 9**, which made the first soft landing. **Luna 16** collected the first soil samples. True moon exploration had begun. The United States launched **Suveyor 1**, which was their first soft lunar landing. Which sent back over 11,000 pictures.
- 1968:** **Apollo 8** became the first manned spacecraft to leave earth orbit and circle the moon.
- 1969:** The United States launched a mission to land astronauts on the moon called, **Apollo 11**. Neil Armstrong was the commander, or leader, of **Apollo 11**. Two other astronauts made the trip with him. They were Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin and Michael Collins. Armstrong was the first person to step onto the moon.
- 1972:** Flight commander Eugene Cernan became the last man to set foot on the moon as a part **Apollo 17**. Moon samples were collected from the lunar surface.
- 1986:** U.S. launched the space shuttle **Challenger**, which exploded ten seconds into flight.
- 1990:** The space shuttle **Discovery**, which carried the **Hubble Space Telescope** into orbit.
- 2011:** The United States ended its space shuttle program.