

Timeline to the Moon

1. The first rocket was invented in China and used gunpowder for propulsion.
2. The Italians came up with the name 'rocket' because they thought it looked like a spindle on a spinning wheel.
3. Rockets were used for warfare for many centuries.
4. Goddard invented the first liquid fueled rocket. He was from Germany.
5. Von Braun and several other rocket scientists defected to the US during WWII. This really helped our space (and weapons) programs.
6. Sputnik 1 built by USSR (country) was the 1st satellite to orbit the Earth.
7. Luna 2 built by USSR (country) was the 1st vehicle to impact the Moon.
8. Yuri Gagarin was the first man in space. Tereshkova was the first woman in space. They were both from the USSR (country).
9. The Luna 9 was the first module to land softly on the moon. It sent pictures and television broadcasts back to USSR (country).
10. Neil Armstrong was the first man to set foot on the moon.
11. Buzz Aldrin was the second man to walk on the moon.
12. Michael Collins piloted the Columbia so they could all get back to Earth.
13. The name of this mission was Apollo 11.