

Topic – The Space Race

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The Space Race was a competition between the US and the Soviet Union to be the first country to go to space. Throughout the 1960s, the two countries were involved in the “Cold War”, a conflict where they didn’t go into battle but fought each other indirectly through spying, backing opposite sides in other countries’ wars and inventing better technologies. The space race became another way to compete against each other. The US President, John F Kennedy vowed to put an astronaut on the Moon by the end of the 1960s. As technology was not yet advanced enough to do this, both sides spend a huge amount of money and time on this project. The Soviet Union were the first to send a human into space but the US eventually won the race to put a human being on the Moon, and get him back safely.



Which astronaut was the first man to walk on the Moon?

Watch this clip below for more information about the Space Race:

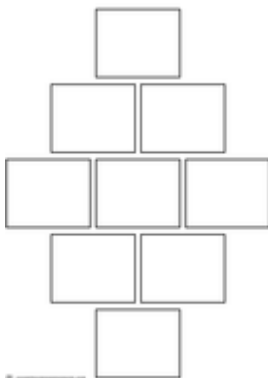
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Task - Diamond 9.

Why did America send a man to the Moon?

1. Cut out the text.
2. Place the text in order of relevance.
3. Explain which statement is the most relevant and which statement is the least relevant.

America wanted to be the first country to send a man to the moon.	It was very expensive to send a man to the moon.	The moon was a long way away.
Nobody had ever walked on the moon.	In 1961 the president, John F Kennedy announced they would put a man on the moon in that decade.	The Soviet Union were the first to put a man in space.
America wanted to show they were the most successful country to explore space.	Space travel was very risky.	Neil Armstrong was a trained pilot.



This is a template for a Diamond 9 so you know how to lay your work out.

The most relevant statement should go at the top of the diamond.

The least relevant statement should go at the bottom of the diamond.