1957 – 1969

Put the Events in Order

Name _____ Date _____

These 10 events from the Space Race timeline are out of order. Write a number from 1 to 10 in each box, from the earliest event (1) to the latest (10).

☐ **First Spacewalk**
Soviet cosmonaut Alexei Leonov becomes the first person to walk in space, floating outside his spacecraft for twelve minutes.

☐ **NASA Founded**
The United States creates the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to lead its space program.

☐ **Kennedy's Moon Pledge**
President John F. Kennedy pledges before Congress that the United States will land a man on the Moon and return him safely before the end of the decade.

☐ **Gagarin — First Human in Space**
Soviet cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin completes one orbit of Earth on April 12, becoming the first human being in space.

☐ **John Glenn Orbits Earth**
Astronaut John Glenn becomes the first American to orbit the Earth, completing three orbits on February 20.

☐ **Moon Landing**
Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin land on the Moon on July 20; Armstrong becomes the first person to walk on the lunar surface.

☐ **Apollo 1 Fire**
A fire during a launch rehearsal kills three Apollo astronauts — Gus Grissom, Ed White, and Roger Chaffee — and halts crewed flights for 20 months.

☐ **Apollo 8 Orbits the Moon**
Astronauts Frank Borman, James Lovell, and William Anders orbit the Moon on Christmas Eve, broadcasting a reading from Genesis watched by millions.

☐ **Laika in Space**
The Soviet Union sends a dog named Laika into orbit aboard Sputnik 2, proving a living creature can survive a rocket launch.

☐ **Sputnik — The First Satellite**
The Soviet Union launches Sputnik, the world's first artificial satellite, on October 4.

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