# Space Race Reading Questions Worksheet

Using the information in the reading and answer the following questions:

[The Space Race - History Skills](https://www.historyskills.com/classroom/modern-history/mod-space-race-reading/)

1. What was the 'Space Race'?
2. Why did the Space Race have far-reaching consequences for both the United States and the Soviet Union?
3. Who were some of the early scientists and engineers involved in rocket science, and how were they connected to the Space Race?
4. When did the Space Race truly begin, and what were some factors that contributed to its start?
5. Why was winning the Space Race considered politically important to both the US and the USSR?
6. What were the military implications of the Space Race?
7. Who led the USSR rocket program, and what was one of his significant designs?
8. What was the first successful satellite, and when was it launched?
9. Who launched the first satellite containing a living creature, and what was the creature's name?
10. When was NASA formed, and why?
11. What was the name of the first unmanned spacecraft to the moon by the Soviet Union, and did it succeed in its mission?
12. Which country was the first to land a man-made device on the moon?
13. What was America's first manned spaceflight program?
14. Who were the first human and the first woman to enter space?
15. Who were the first American to make a suborbital flight and the first to orbit Earth?
16. What challenge did President John F. Kennedy issue to NASA, and when?
17. Who was the first human to walk on the moon, and when?
18. When did the Space Race end, and what agreements marked its conclusion?

**Paragraph Writing**

Based upon what you learnt in your reading, answer the following question in paragraph format (Topic Sentence, Explanation, Evidence, Concluding Sentence):

*Why did the USA and the USSR engage in the Space Race?*