

Soviet Space Race

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The topic of the Soviet Union side of the space race was chosen as each member had created projects previously over the Soviet Union and the political climate at the time. Although we had never created or worked on a project over or about the space race we still continued with this topic for our project. Another critical reason we chose the Soviet Union's side of the space race as our topic was because of the large amounts of triumphs and tragedies that occurred during the time period that included the Soviet Union. There were many Soviet Union advancements in space technology and many revolutionary discoveries that were made during the short amount of time that the space race took place in. However, these advancements came with deadly costs including many deaths within test flights and missions. Many technological advancements led to negative events including the Cuban Missile Crisis and the creation of intercontinental ballistic missiles. The creation of a negative Soviet Union reputation came along with these also. If the Soviet Union had not started and gotten involved in the space race then it is likely that the Soviet Union and the United States would have been world powers and that most space exploration technology wouldn't exist today.

Research was conducted on school provided laptops and information was found through a variety of trusted databases for specific and precise results. We searched thoroughly through the provided databases for interviews, space race related footage, primary sources and a majority of secondary sources. This allowed us to get accurate research that entirely related to the project. All of our information was submitted and posted on a Weebly website that was edited in HTML. From there it was a matter of time of mastering the content and creating a final product. This process required a lot of communication and coordination within the group and the group members. We each needed and were required to know each others research in order to make the most out of our time and provide the most accurate information in our website. Overall this project taught the group and each group member excellent time management and communication skills.

In conclusion, The Soviet Union side of the Space Race had numerous triumphs and tragedies that greatly shaped today's world. There were many main triumphs the Soviet Union had during the space race. Some of these triumphs included the launch of Sputnik which ultimately started the space race. Another triumph is the launch of the first person into space. However, these triumphs came with many tragedies. Some of these tragedies included the negative reputation of the Soviet Union during the space race along with the creation of ICBM's (intercontinental ballistic missiles) which could have been used in nuclear war. In addition, the creation of the Soviet Space Race website enabled me and my group to learn new skills including quick and clear communication along with excellent time management. It also improved our HTML coding skills in formatting and styling the information and content on the website. Over researching the Soviet Union's part in the space race our perspective greatly changed as we uncovered new and important information. This allowed us to see the triumphs and tragedies of the space race and truly and fully comprehend this era of time.