Soviet Space Race
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The topic of the USSR side of the Space Race was chosen because each member of the group did research on the Space Race in the past, but none of us had ever seen anything about what the USSR was doing during the Space Race. Another major reason that the Space Race was chosen was the large amounts of triumph and tragedy. There were many technological advancements and discoveries about space during this short period of time, however, this advancement came at the cost of many lives and gave the USSR part of its poor reputation. This topic is incredibly important to human history because it was an extended period of technological advancement. Old technology was modified or remastered to help accelerate progress, many entirely new pieces of tech were created in order to properly explore Space, and intercontinental ballistic missiles became tools to launch Satellites into space later in the Space Race. This usage of ICBMs became a major tragedy. The technology was improved upon quite quickly due to its frequent usage, however this improvement was to weapons technology which had the power to take hundreds of thousands of lives.

The research for this project was conducted with a series of specific web searches looking for individual events that occurred during the Space Race for the USSR. From there we looked for interviews, recaps, footage, and some secondary sources so we could get the most accurate account of the USSR side of the space race. All of this information was turned into a website by using Weebly and editing the HTML to properly format and style of the web page. From there it was simply a matter of putting in the time to fully develop an understanding of each event that our group researched and properly summarizing it. This required a considerable amount of communication and coordination within the group. We each needed to know what the others were researching or writing at any given time so that we didn't end up doing the same thing multiple times. This also led to us learning to properly manage time in order to maximize the potential research we could do. Overall this project taught the group how to properly communicate and work efficiently.

In conclusion, The USSR Side of the Space Race had many crucial triumphs and tragedies that shaped the world as it is today. These triumphs and tragedies will be expanded upon in the website our group worked tirelessly on. The creation of this website had my group learn many new skills including clear and concise communication and efficient time management. It also refined our HTML coding skills in re formatting and styling the website and information contained within. Researching this topic has changed our perspective on the Space Race by allowing us to see the triumph and tragedy on both sides of the event as well as allowing us to truly comprehend the long lasting effects of the actions that the USSR took.