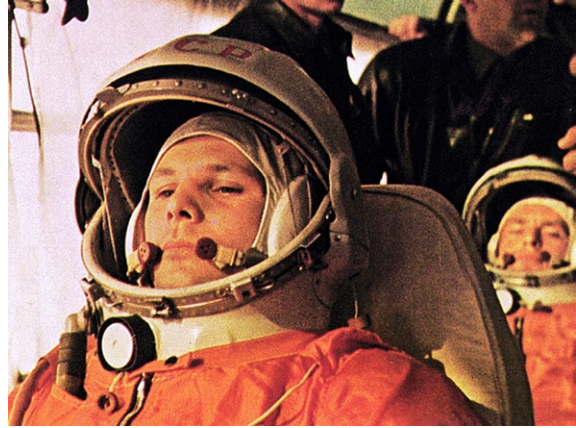# Yuri Gagarin

The first human to journey into space!

Who Was He and What Did He Do?

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- He was an engineer.

- He was also a fighter pilot.

- He was shortlisted for the Vostok 1 programme.

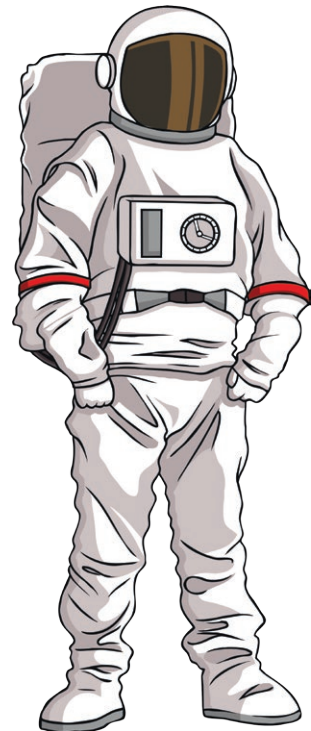- In 1961, he was the first human to enter space.

Did You Know?

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What Is He Remembered For?

- He was a national hero and worldwide celebrity.

- Yuri earned many awards.

- He was named a 'Hero of the Soviet Union'.

- The Soviet Union beat America in the space race.

- Sadly, he died on 27th March 1968, at just 34, in a fighter jet crash during training.

- There are statues of him in Russia, the UK and Kyrgyzstan.

Questions

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   b. UK

   c. Russia

2. What did he become the first human to do? Circle one.

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   b. enter space

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   c. 108 minutes

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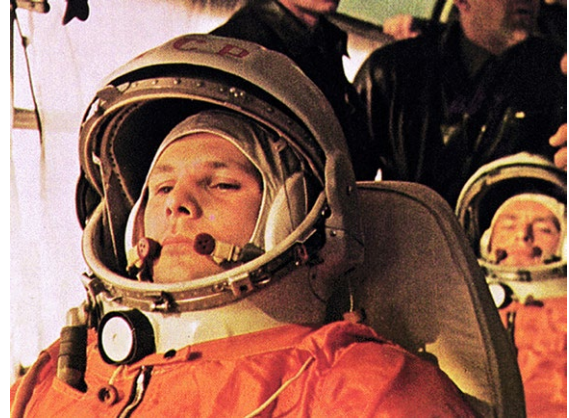   c. The Soviet Union beat America in the space race.

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He was the first human to journey into space!

Who Was He and What Did He Do?

Yuri Gagarin was born on 9th March 1934, in Russia. He trained as an engineer, then joined the Soviet Air Force, became a fighter pilot and married his wife, Valentia. Yuri was then shortlisted for the Vostok 1 programme.
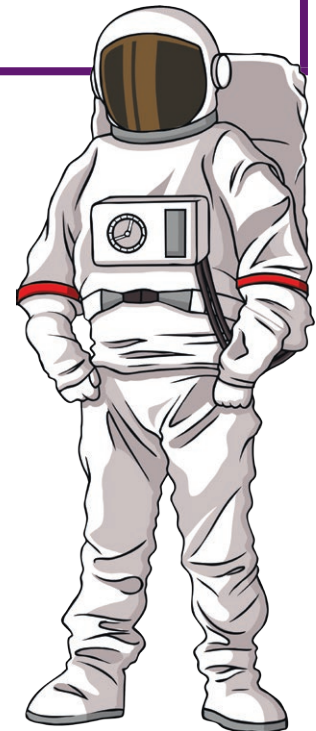
What Were His Big Achievements?

On board the first spaceship called Vostok 1, on 12th April 1961, he became the first human to enter space. It took 108 minutes to orbit the Earth at a speed of 27,400 kilometres per hour. Yuri landed by parachute after being ejected from the spacecraft.

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What Is He Remembered For?

Yuri Gagarin became a national hero and worldwide celebrity. He earned many awards and was named a 'Hero of the Soviet Union'. The Soviet Union had beaten America in the space race. He sadly died on 27th March 1968 when he was just 34 in a fighter jet crash during training. There are statues of Yuri Gagarin in Russia, the UK and Kyrgyzstan.

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   c. 1961

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Yuri Gagarin was born on 9th March 1934, in Russia. He trained as an engineer and then joined the Soviet Air Force in 1955. In 1957, he graduated from the cadet school, became a fighter pilot and married his wife, Valentia. Yuri was then shortlisted for the Vostok 1 programme in 1960 along with 19 other candidates.
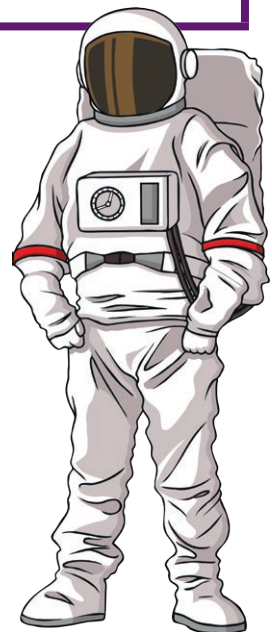
What Were His Big Achievements?

At just 27 years old, on 12th April 1961 he became the first human to enter space and orbit the Earth. The first spaceship to do this, Vostok 1, took 108 minutes and Yuri was not allowed to operate the controls because weightlessness had not been tested on humans before. He circled the Earth at a speed of 27,400 kilometres per hour. Yuri landed by parachute after being ejected from the spacecraft and touched down safely near the Volga River.

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What Is He Remembered For?

After his accomplishment, Yuri Gagarin became a national hero and worldwide celebrity. He earned many awards and honours, including being named a 'Hero of the Soviet Union'. Yuri toured the world, visiting many countries, including the UK in 1961. This massive achievement meant that the Soviet Union had beaten America in the space race. He sadly died on 27th March 1968, when he was just 34, in a two-seater MiG-15 fighter jet crash during training with his instructor. There are statues of Yuri Gagarin in Moscow, Russia, in London, UK and in Kyrgyzstan.

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