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## The Space Race

Today's shortcut explored how people and countries are racing against each other to reach, explore, and even live in space. Read through the questions before you listen, but don't pick up a pencil until the podcast is over!

1. What is described by historians as the first ever space rocket? Who designed it, and what was its original use?

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2. Which two countries came out of World War II both wanting to be the global superpower?

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3. What phrase was used to describe their relationship from the end of World War II up until the 1990s? Why do you think that phrase was used?

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4. What do you already know about these two countries' systems of government at that time? Why do you think they were they so opposed to each other?

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5. What questions do you still have about this time in history?

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6. The first space race was basically over when...

- The Sputnik satellite was launched
- Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin landed on the moon
- Space tourists visited the International Space Station

7. Which planet is the target of the new space race between countries? Which countries are involved, and what do they want to do there? (Make sure you answer all three!)

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8. Name one of the billionaires currently involved in a space race, and which non-space company they started. (Bonus points if you can name all three!)

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9. Why do you think these ultra-rich people are so interested in space? What kind of people do you think they are? Why?

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10. Why do some people not like it that rich people are in a space race? Do you agree or disagree? Why?

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