Space Events Cards

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| Ancient Babylonian astronomers identified the inner planets, Mercury and Venus during the 2nd millennium BCE. | In 1610 Galileo used a telescope he built to identify the moons of Jupiter. | William Herschel discovered Uranus in 1781. It was the first planet to be discovered in more than 2000 years. It was the first planet to be discovered by a telescope. |
| Pluto is a dwarf planet in the Kuiper belt. Clyde Tombaugh discovered it in 1930. | In 1957 the Soviet Union launched the world’s first artificial satellite, Sputnik 1. | In 1961, aboard the spacecraft Vostok 1, Soviet cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin becomes the first human being to travel into space. |

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| On July 20, 1969, Neil Armstrong became the first human to step on the moon. He and Buzz Aldrin walked around for three hours. | In 1970 the Soviet probe Venera 7 landed on Venus and became the first probe to transmit data back to Earth from another planet. | In 1990 the Hubble Space Telescope was launched into space aboard the Space Shuttle Discovery. |
| Seven astronauts were lost when the Space Shuttle Columbia broke up during reentry to the atmosphere on Feb. 1, 2003. | The Mars Rovers launched in 2003 and landed on Mars in 2004. Spirit lasted until 2010 and Opportunity lasted until 2018. | Pioneer 10 Spacecraft was launched on a mission to travel to the Asteroid belt. Its last signal was heard in 2003. It was the first spacecraft to leave the solar system. |
| Soviet cosmonaut Valentina Tereshkova became the first woman to fly to space in 1963. | In 1965 Mariner 4 took the first close-up photos of Mars. | Three American astronauts were killed in 1967 when a cabin fire during a launch rehearsal test destroyed their Command Module. |