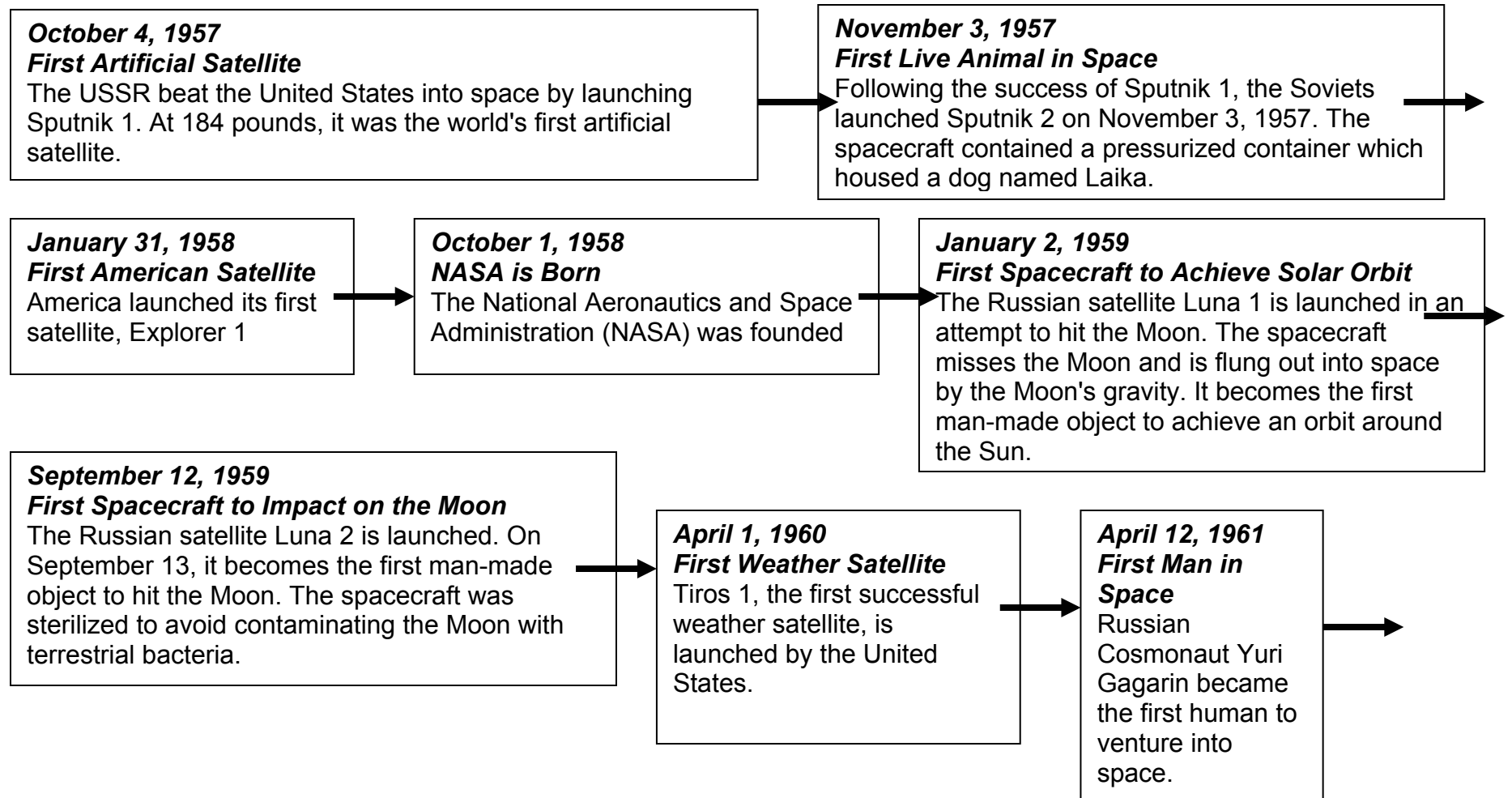
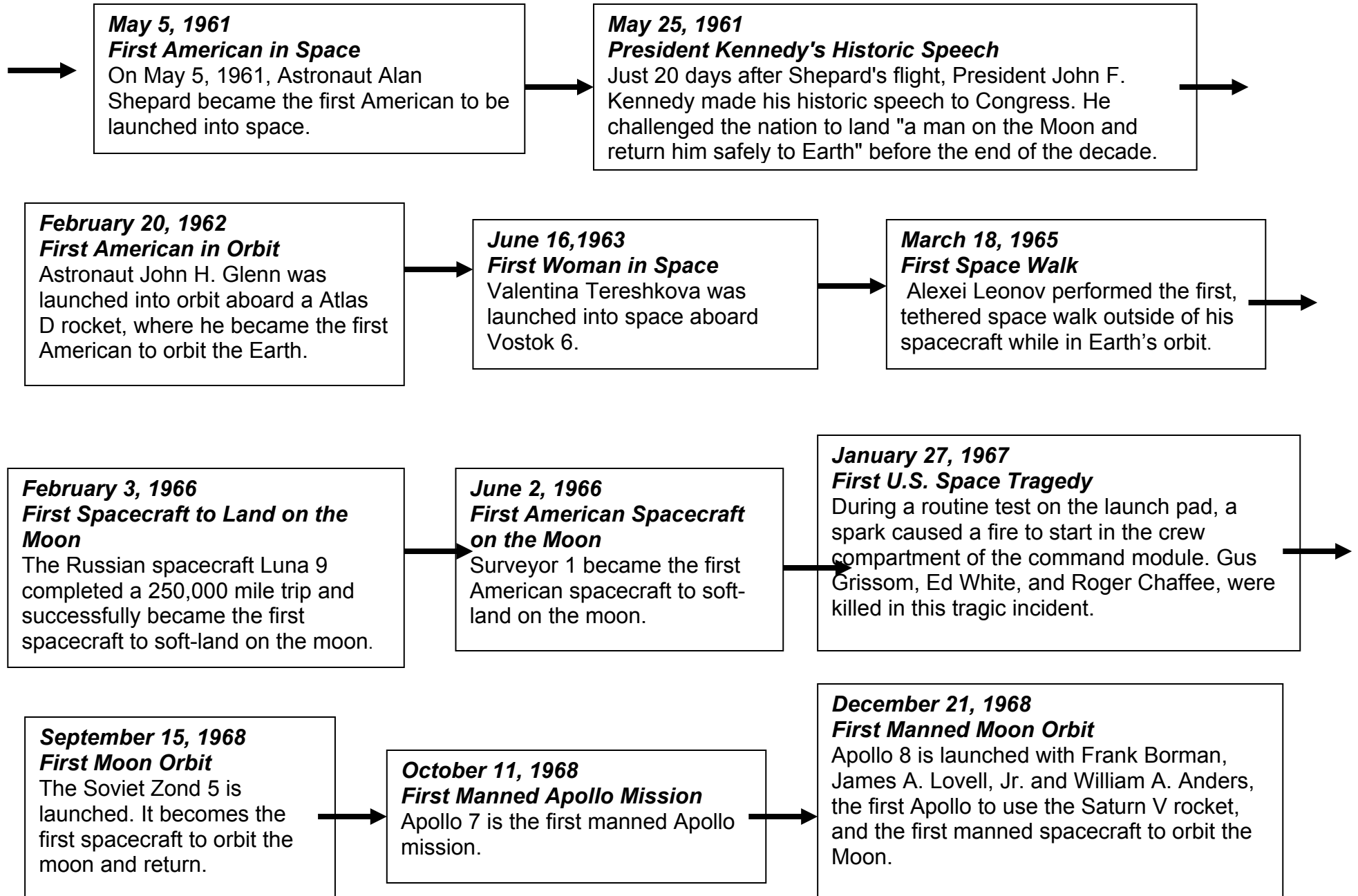


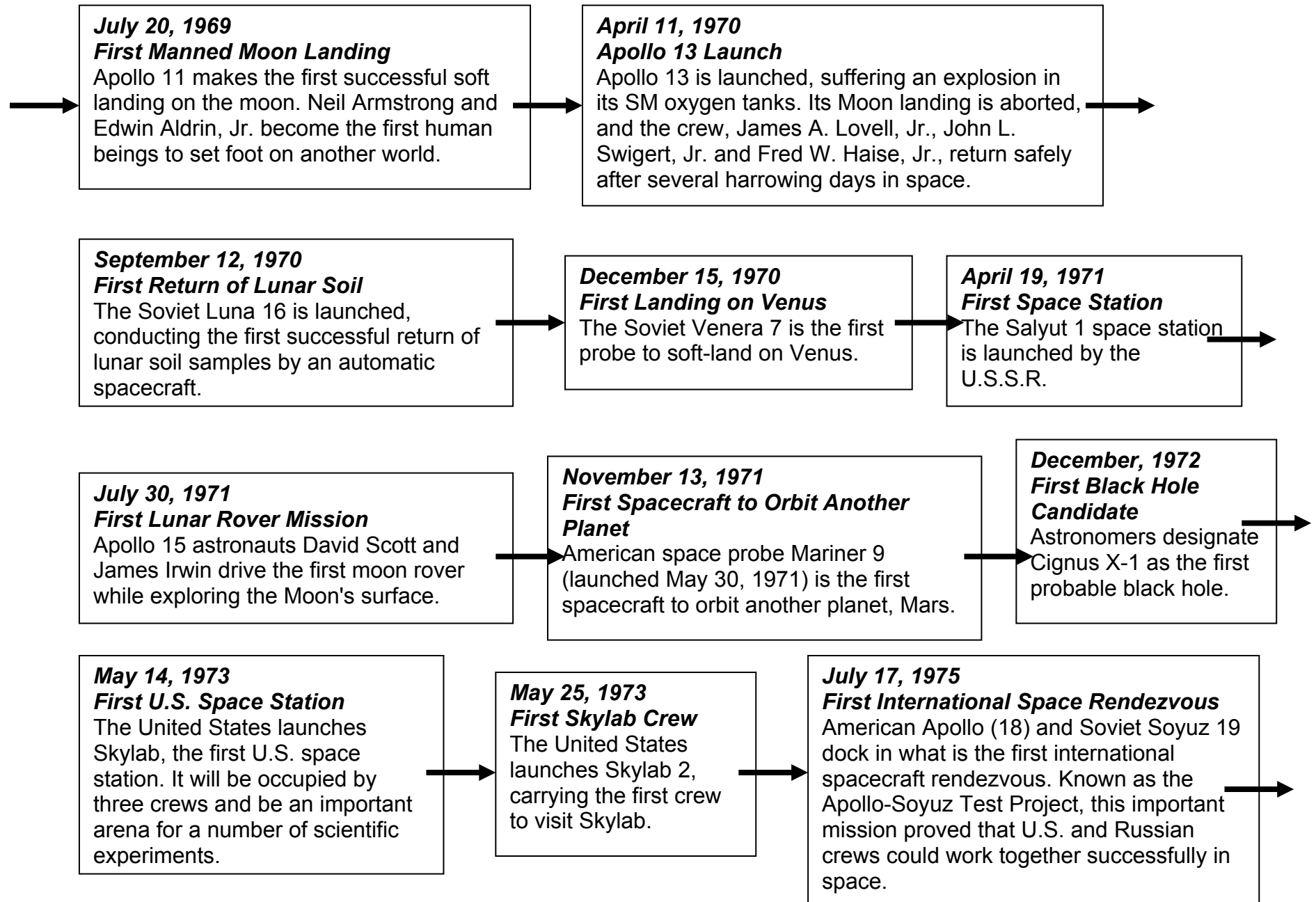
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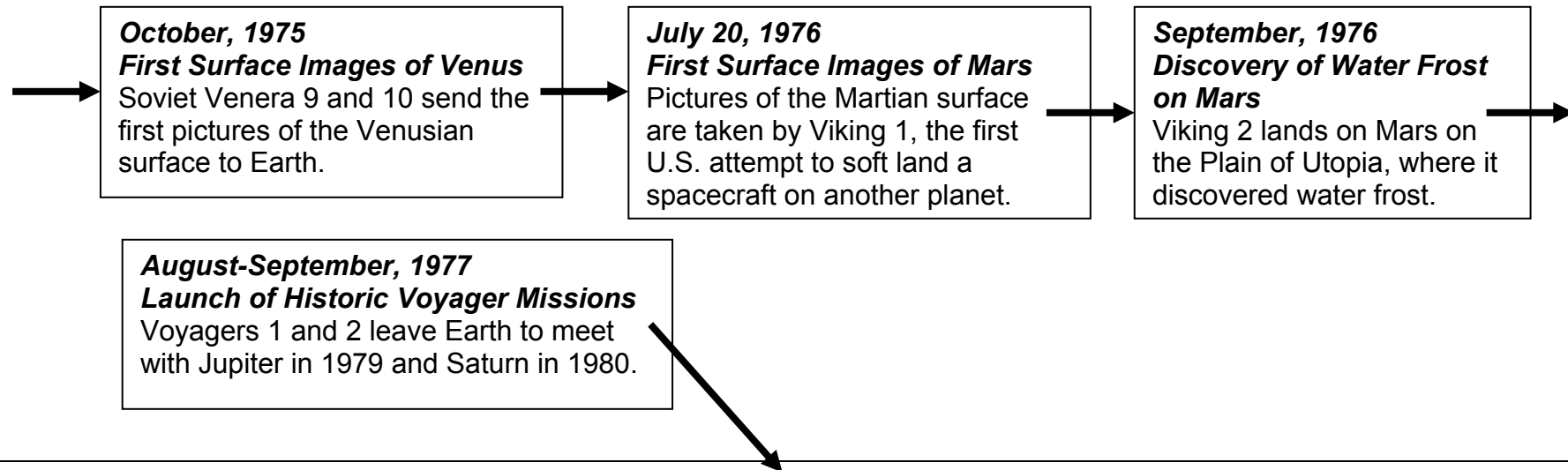
Space Exploration Timeline

Below is a timeline of Famous Firsts in space exploration. Study it carefully and then fill in the last five boxes with what you think the next "Firsts" will be.







**December, 1978****U.S. Probes Arrive at Venus**

Two U.S. Pioneer spacecraft reach Venus. One drops four probes into the atmosphere, while the other maps the surface.

March 5, 1979**Voyager 1 Arrives at Jupiter**

The U.S. Voyager 1 spacecraft, launched in 1977, arrives at Jupiter and begins sending back amazing images of the giant planet and its moons.

July 9, 1979**Voyager 2 Arrives at Jupiter**

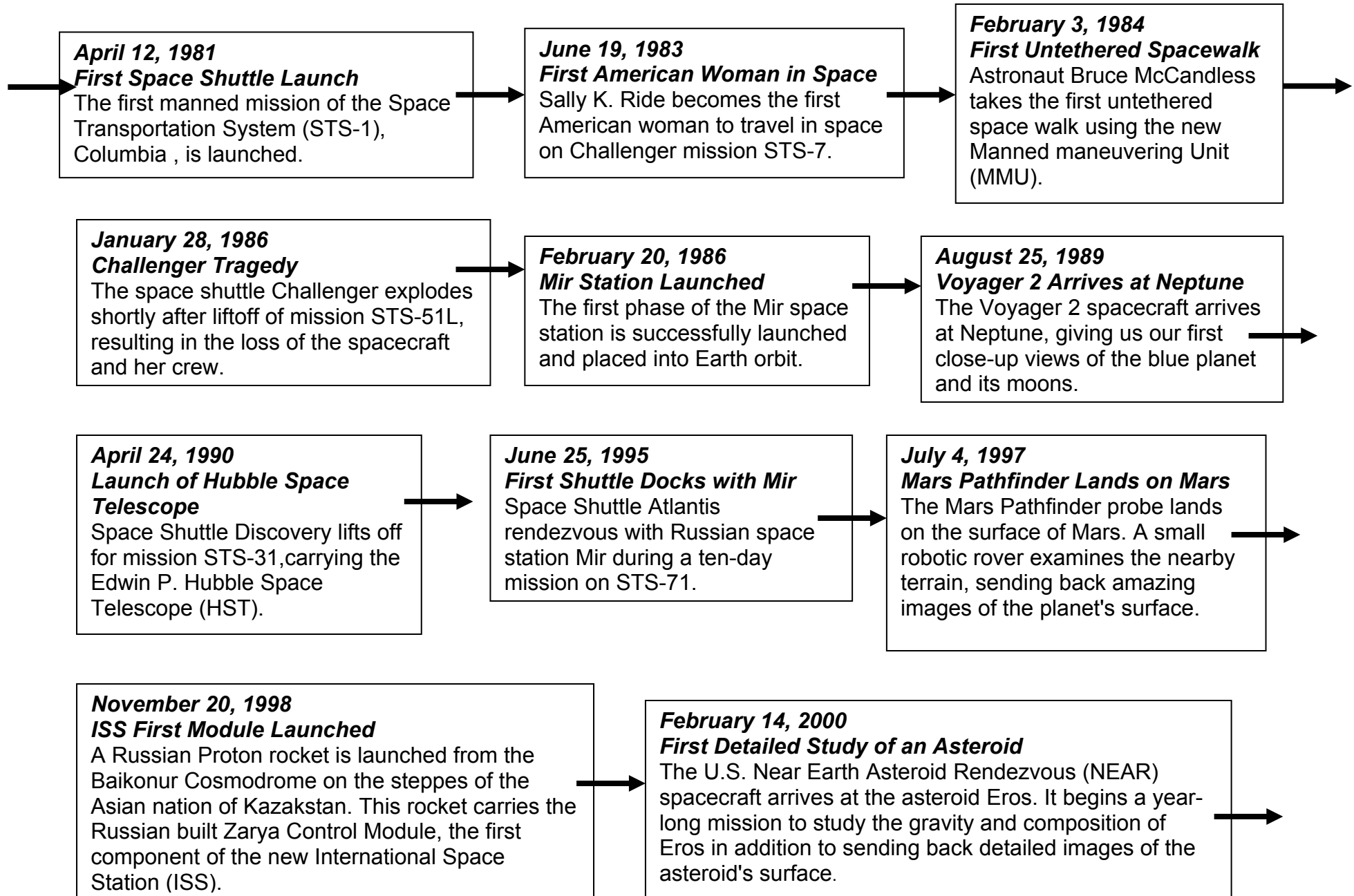
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September 1, 1979**First Images of Saturn**

The U.S. space probe Pioneer 11 reaches Saturn, flying within 13,000 miles and taking the first close-up photographs of the planet.

July 9, 1979**Voyager 1 Arrives at Saturn**

The Voyager 1 spacecraft arrives at Saturn and begins sending back images of the ringed planet and its moons.



February 12, 2001
First Landing on an Asteroid

The Near Earth Asteroid Rendezvous (NEAR) spacecraft is successfully landed on the surface of the asteroid Eros

April 28, 2001
First Tourist in Space

American businessman Dennis Tito becomes the first tourist to fly into space. His 20 million dollar offer is rejected by the United States, but is later welcomed by the Russian space program. A Soyuz space capsule delivers the space tourist and the Russian crew to the International Space Station, where Tito is given limited access to the station.



What do you think the next five “firsts” will be? What countries will be involved? What missions will be launched? What objects in space will be explored next?
Fill in the boxes with your predictions.



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