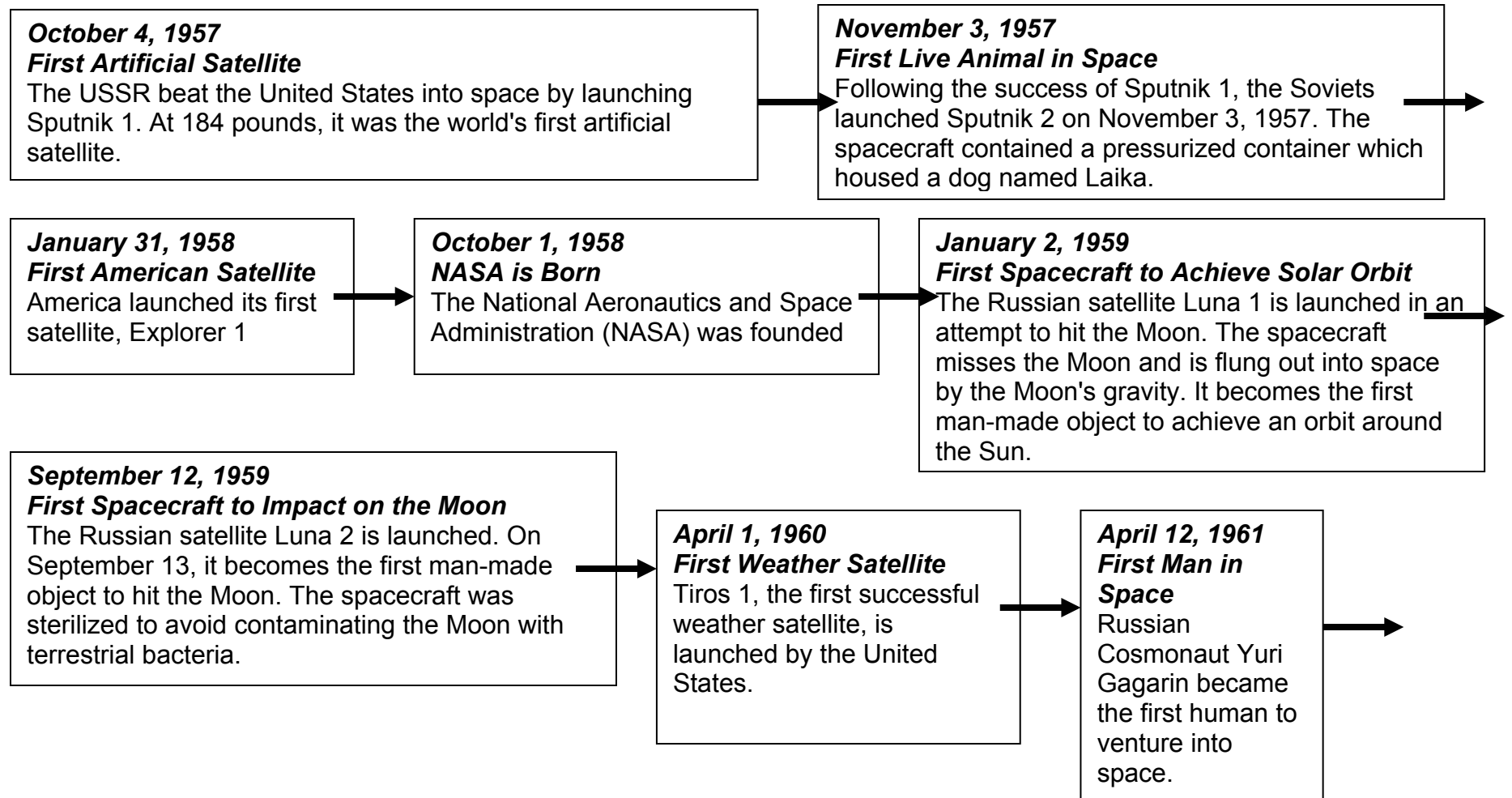
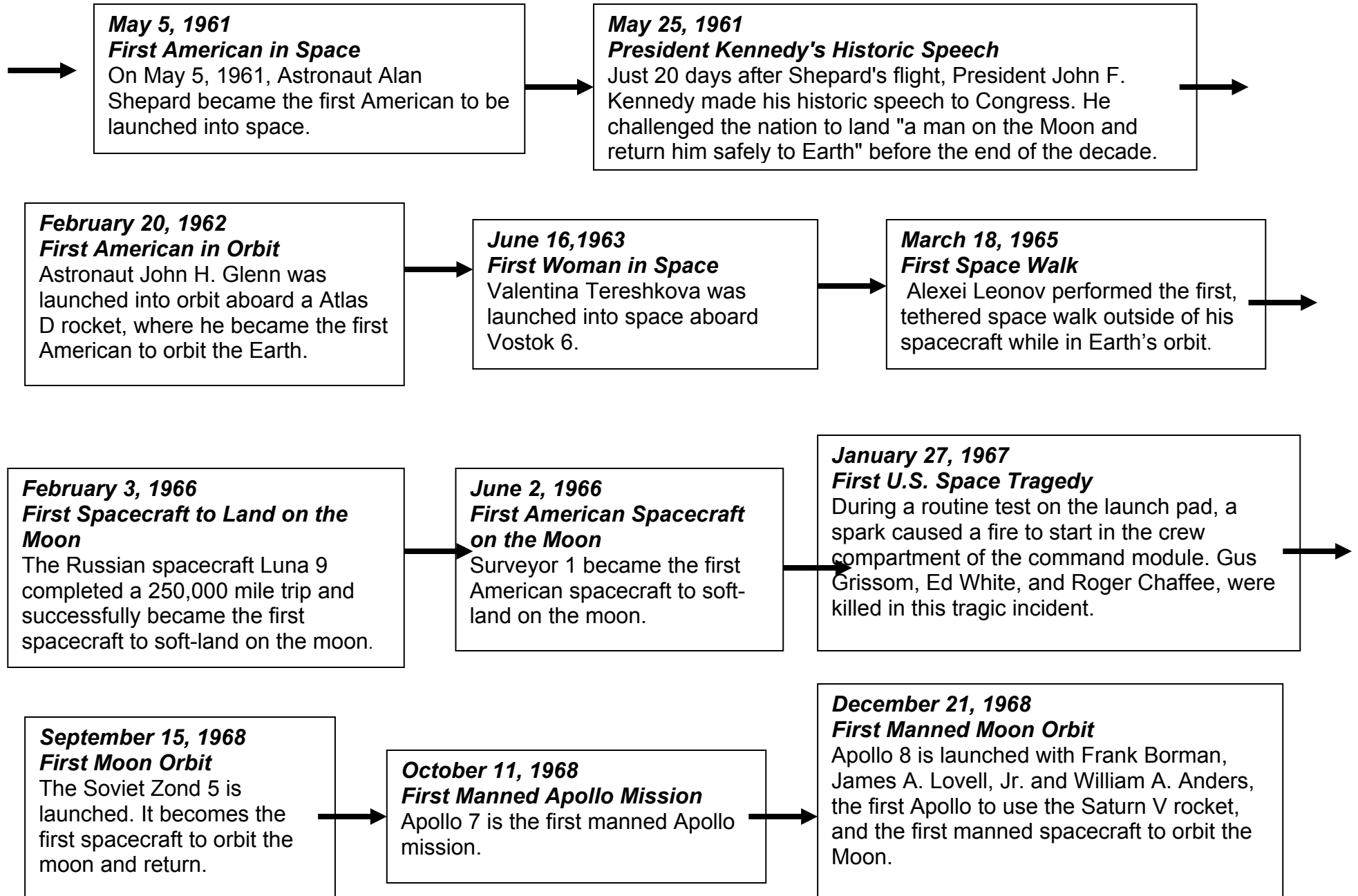


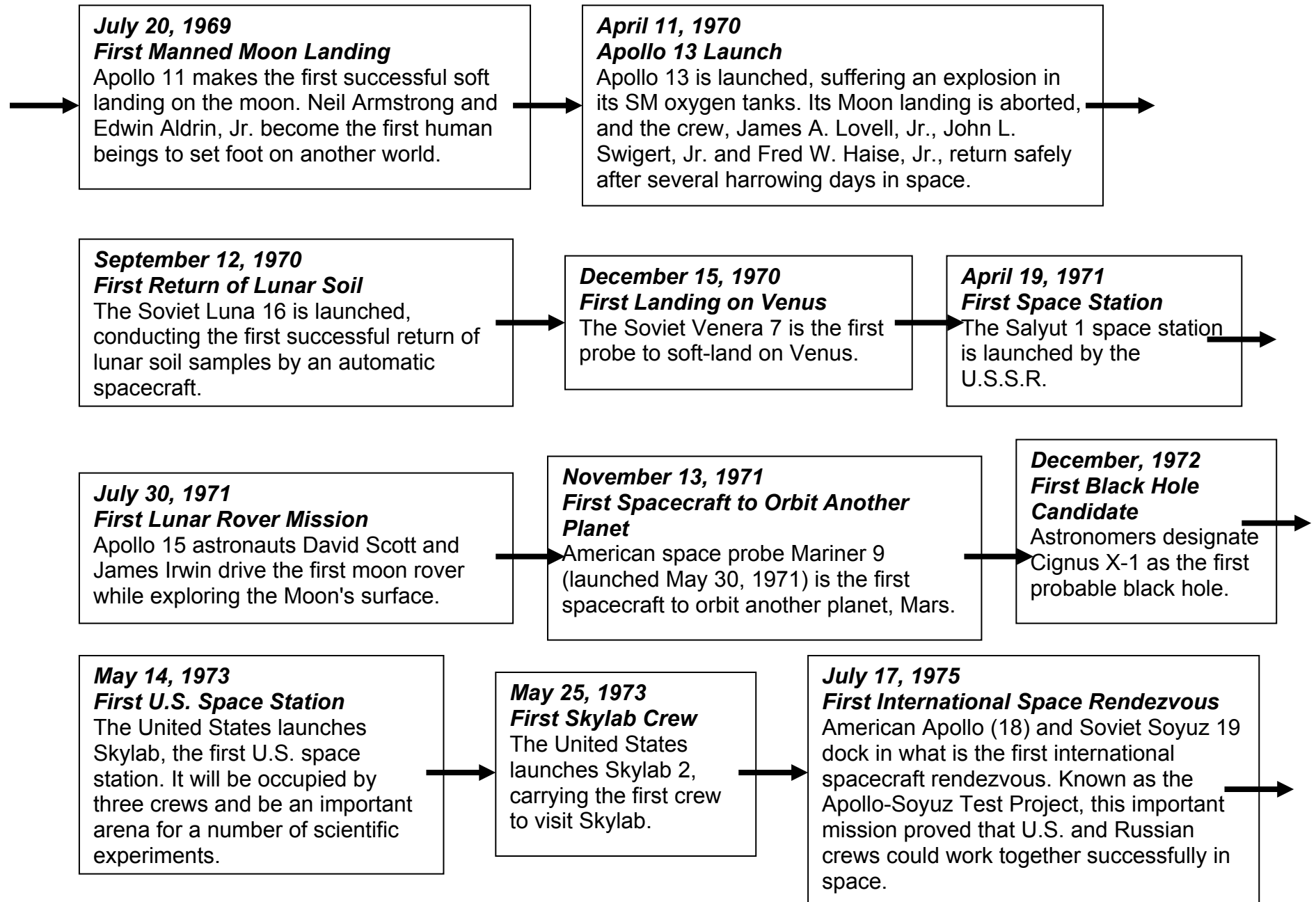
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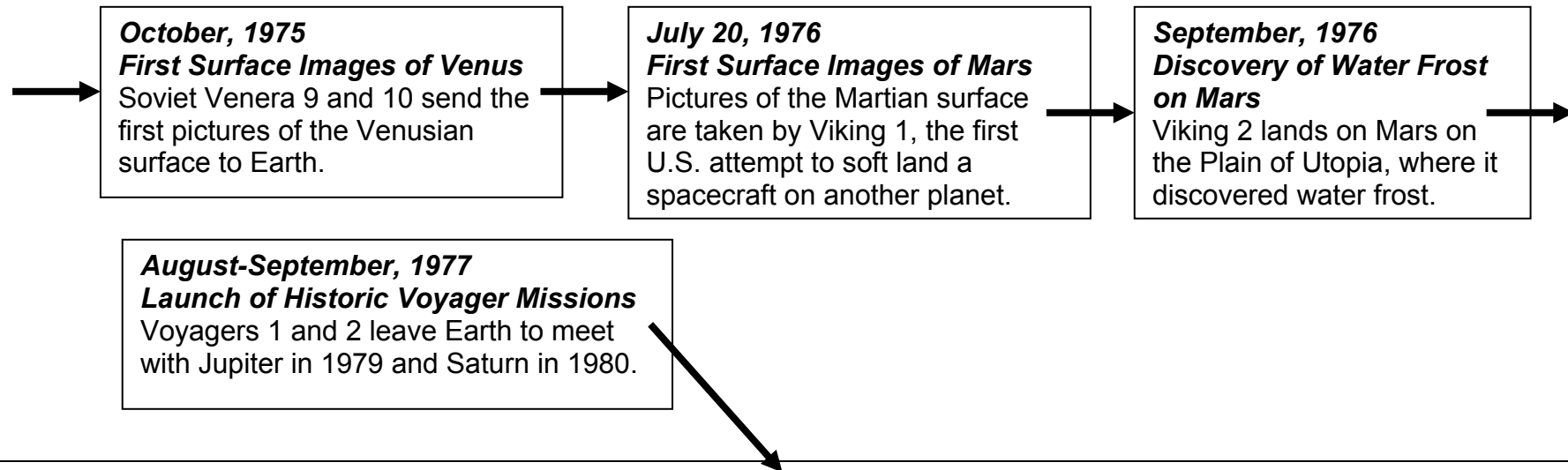
## Space Exploration Timeline

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**

The U.S. Voyager 2 spacecraft, launched in 1977, arrives at Jupiter and begins sending back images of Jupiter and its moons.

**September 1, 1979**

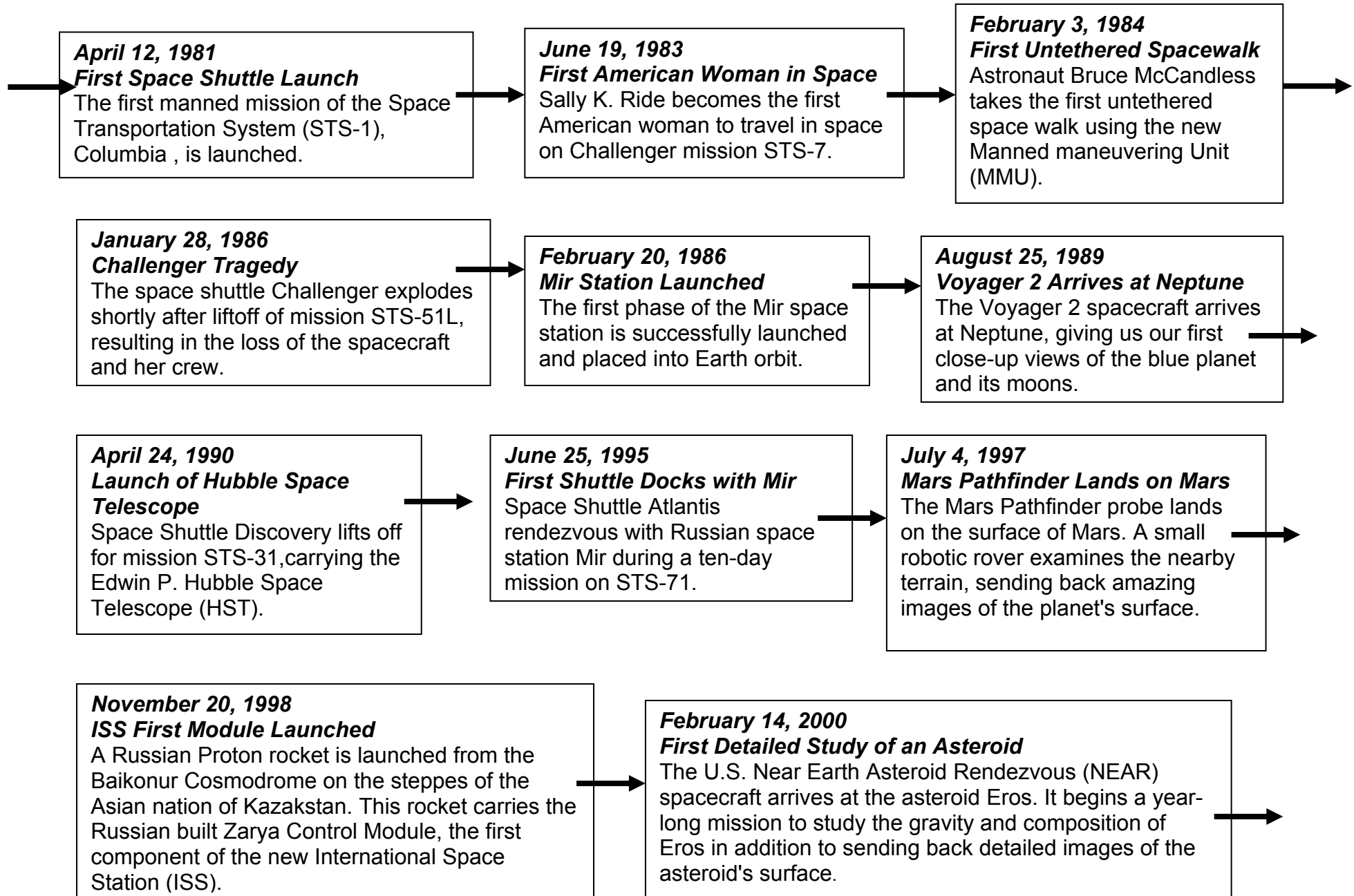
**First Images of Saturn**

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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