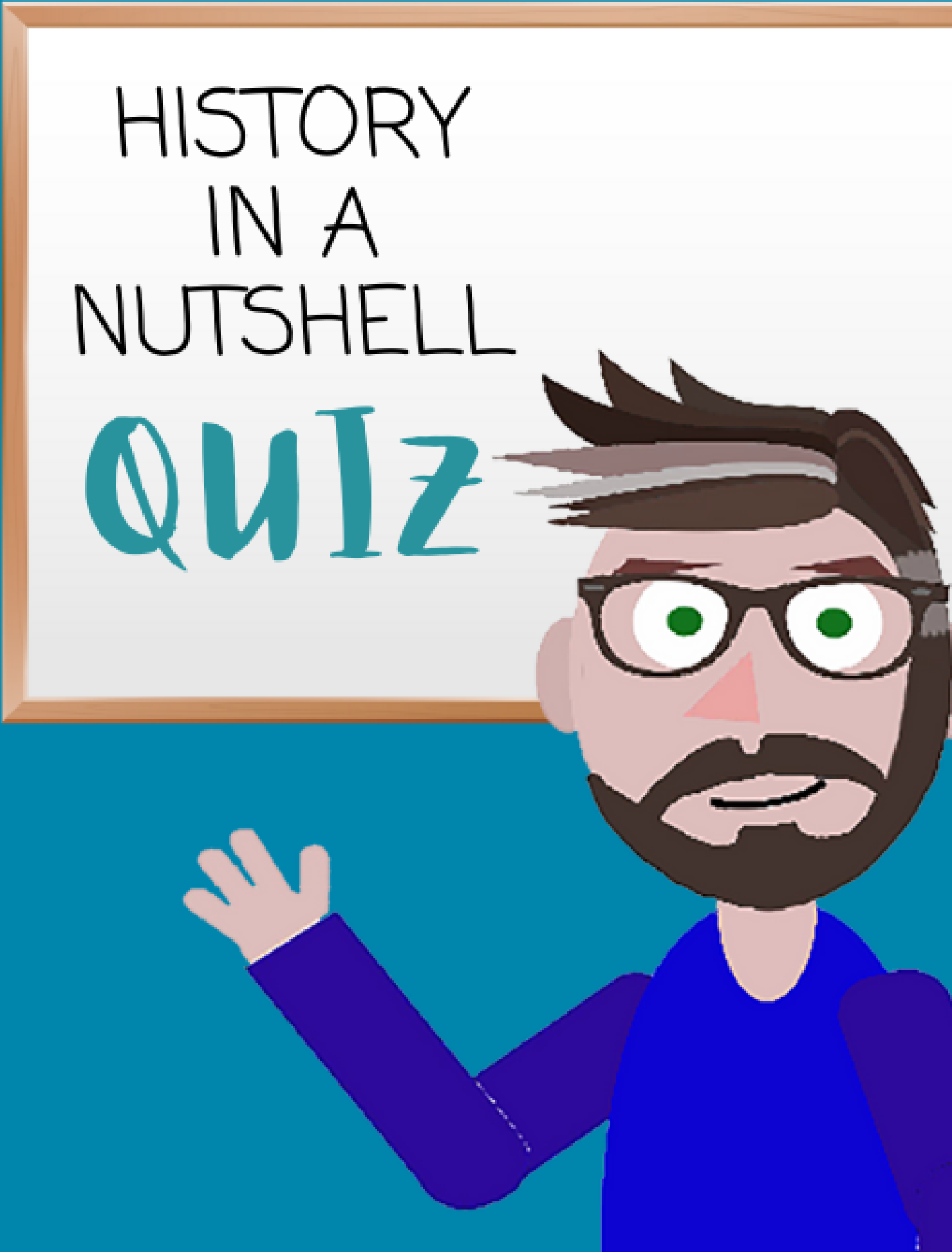




The Space Race



HISTORY IN A NUTSHELL Quiz



This quiz will test your knowledge on the history of the race to the moon, between the United States and the Soviet Union. Each question will be followed by the correct answer.

Think you know your history? Let's find out!

Ready?

Here We Go!

Question 1: The Soviet Union kicked off the Space Race by launching what satellite into space?

- A. Kosmos**
- B. Spektr**
- C. Sputnik**
- D. YouthSat**



The correct answer is...

C. Sputnik. On October 4, 1957, the Soviet Union completely caught the U.S. off guard by broaching the new frontier: outer space. A 184 pound aluminum satellite named “*Sputnik*” was launched into a low earth orbit, where it remained in operation for around three weeks.

Question 2: Which U.S. President established the goal that America would put a man on the moon by the end of the 1960's?

A. Dwight D. Eisenhower

B. John F. Kennedy

C. Lyndon B. Johnson

D. Richard Nixon



The correct answer is...

B. John F. Kennedy. Not long after Alan Shepard's historic *Freedom 7* Mercury flight, President John F. Kennedy declared to Congress: "I believe that this nation should commit itself to achieving the goal before this decade is out of landing a man on the moon and returning him safely to the earth."

Question 3: During Project Gemini, what in-flight tasks did astronauts need to perfect before attempting a trip to the moon in Apollo?

A. Rendezvous

B. Extra-Vehicular Activity (EVA)

C. Long Duration Flights

D. All of the Above



The correct answer is...

D. All of the Above. Procedures such as extra-vehicular activities (aka “spacewalks”), docking, rendezvous, flying in formation, and staying in space for long periods of time would all be required for a trip to the moon.

Question 4: Which German rocket scientist was the lead designer of the Saturn series of rockets which carried astronauts to the moon?

- A. Wernher von Braun**
- B. Konrad Dannenberg**
- C. Walter Dornberger**
- D. Eberhard Rees**



The correct answer is...

A. Wernher von Braun. Von Braun was the chief architect of the Saturn V launch vehicle which propelled Apollo astronauts to the moon.

Question 5: Which Apollo mission provided audiences the iconic “Earthrise” photograph?

- A. Apollo 8**
- B. Apollo 10**
- C. Apollo 11**
- D. Apollo 12**



The correct answer is...

A. Apollo 8. When astronauts Frank Borman, Jim Lovell and Bill Anders saw the Earth rising from the lunar surface, they could not help but grab their cameras! “Earthrise” remains one of the most iconic photographs ever taken in human history!

Question 6: Who was the first person to walk on the
moon?

A. Edwin “Buzz” Aldrin

B. Pete Conrad

C. Neil Armstrong

D. Jim Lovell



The correct answer is...

C. Neil Armstrong. On July 20, 1969, Apollo 11 astronaut Neil Armstrong made history to be the first man to walk on the moon. “That’s one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind.”

Question 7: Bonus Question! Out of the original 7 Mercury astronauts, only one of them made it to the moon. Who was it?

- A. Gordo Cooper**
- B. Gus Grissom**
- C. Alan Shepard**
- D. Deke Slayton**



The correct answer is...

C. Alan Shepard. Shepard was not only the first American in space, but he was the only member of the original Mercury 7 astronauts to walk on the moon, on Apollo 14. Gus Grissom perished with astronauts Ed White and Roger Chaffee in the Apollo 1 fire. Gordo Cooper voluntarily left the space program. Deke Slayton never did fly in Mercury, but he did eventually make it to space in the Apollo–Soyuz Test Program (ASTP) mission.

How well
did you do?

