

U.S. History

The Cold War in Space and Weaponry

Read the handouts on the “arms race” and the “space race.” As you read, highlight keywords that you think offer important details about each of these. Then use the ABC-Clío databases to add any information you need.

1. Who has nuclear capability today?

2. Who do we suspect might have nuclear capability?

3. What was the total number of nuclear weapons in the world by 1995?

4. For each of the “firsts” below, indicate who was first (U.S. or U.S.S.R) and in what month and year.

First Satellite:

First Orbit:

First Space station:

First Woman in space:

First Human on the Moon:

4. When did the U.S. and the Soviet Union begin cooperating in space?

5. Navigate the site and learn more about the space race or arms race. In the space below, write three important facts that you find and explain why they're important.