

Unit Topic: The 1960's: The Space Race

Unit Keyword: Courage

Grade Level: 5

Subject Area: Social Studies, Technology

Title: Space Race: The Mission

Estimated Time: Three class periods

Rationale: It is important for students to learn about the Space Race and the impact it had on society. By investigating important missions, events, and people through a space exploration Web Quest, we hope students will better understand key concepts from the Space Race. While completing the Web Quest, we hope students will gain better understanding of how 1960's space exploration gave Americans a common dream during a difficult time in American history. We hope that students will better understand courage today and work toward achieving their own personal goals and dreams.

Social Studies Standards Included:

- A.8.10. Identify major discoveries in science and technology and describe their social and economic effect on the physical and human environment.
- B.4.3. Examine biographies to understand the lives of ordinary and extraordinary people, place them in time and context, and explain their relationship to important historical events.
- B.4.7. Identify and describe important events and famous people in United States history.
- E.4.15. Describe instances of cooperation and interdependence among individuals, groups, and nations.

Technology Standards Included:

- A.4.2. Identify and use common media formats.
 - Access information using common electronic reference sources.
 - Listen to and view common audio and video material.
- A.4.4. Use a computer and communications software to access and transmit information.