

1961



When did the president predict the future?

"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. No single space project ... will be more exciting, or more impressive to mankind, or more important ... and none will be so difficult or expensive to accomplish."

—John F. Kennedy, May 1961

? Who was the first American to man a space mission? Why did his outfit matter?
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? What other artifact from the museum belongs on this list? Design your own tour stop here!

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Find the objects and people chosen to fit your personality.

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1903



Riding along in my automobile...

"All attempts heretofore to go overland in an automobile have come to grief." —San Francisco Examiner May 23, 1903

? Who drove this car and where were they going?
What were the roads like?

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1814



O, Say Can You See...

"Then in that hour of deliverance and joyful triumph, my heart spoke." —Francis Scott Key, recalling the morning of September 14, 1814

? How did Francis Scott Key see the Star-Spangled Banner?

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1860



IMAGE FROM THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

Where can you ride a buffalo?

"Near Like-a-Fishhook Village, wood was rather scarce because we sold so much of it to steam-boats." —Buffalo Bird Woman

? How did American Indian women and others "ride" the rivers?

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1803



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Go west, young man. (Young women too!)

"Capts. Lewis and Clark wintered at the entrance of a Small river opposit the Mouth of Missouri Called Wood River, where they formed their party, Composed of robust helthy hardy young men."

—William Clark

? How did Lewis and Clark know where they were going? Find one of their tools in... *The AMERICAN PRESIDENCY* on 3 Center
