



Apollo 11 blasts off from Cape Canaveral

It's ages ago. Your granny was a teenager, but the 1960s were cool. -Scooters were popular and women wore mini-skirts (and headscarves).



Young Dubliners pause at the intersection of Bachelors' Walk and O'Connell Street, close to a bridge which crosses the River Liffey.

(O'Connell Street Bridge, Dublin)

-US president John F Kennedy got hero's welcome in Ireland. Here he is in Batchelor's Walk, Cork.



-Teens listened to music on record players – no ipads and mobile phones back then. Vinyl records looked like this. You bought singles (one song on each side) or LPs (long playing records).



-The Beatles, a band of mop-haired lads from Liverpool, were massive.



Girls went crazy – you couldn't hear the concerts with the screaming. Here's some footage <https://vimeo.com/178911705>

Their songs were pretty good. Here's a compilation, with cartoons <https://vimeo.com/106139115>

-In America, people fought for Civil rights.



1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom

-In Florida, Apollo 11 blasted off from Cape Canaveral
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UExTN3_UOIY



-And, x days later, US astronaut Neil Armstrong (left) walked into history. Here he is with his Apollo 11 crew



Left to right: Neil Armstrong, Michael Collins and Buzz Aldrin. And, here he is, the first man to walk on the Moon <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RMINS7MmT4>

-Finally, the must have toy of 1968 was Johnny Astro. See this great ad. No strings or wires attached!!! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wmLMrMdIy5c>



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My Apollo Summer The Space Race



Did you know?

- ✚ The Soviet Union (U.S.S.R.) was a single state that existed between 1922 and 1991.
- ✚ It was made up of 15 Soviet Republics, the largest of which was Russia and it was ruled by a single party, the Communist Party.
- ✚ The capital of the Soviet Union was Moscow.



- ✚ The Soviet Union was an ally of the U.S. and Britain in the fight against Hitler during World War Two. But when the war ended, the Soviet Union invaded East Germany, Poland, Romania, Bulgaria and Czechoslovakia and took them over. This led to great tension between the Soviet Union and its former allies in the West. This tension was called the ‘Cold War.’
- ✚ On the 4th of October 1957, a powerful Soviet missile launched the first satellite into orbit around the Earth. The satellite was called Sputnik and was only the size of a football. But this event sparked great fear in the West. It led to the ‘Space Race’ between the Soviet Union and the West.

The First Human in Space.

This event took place on April 12, 1961. Find out all about it and write it here.

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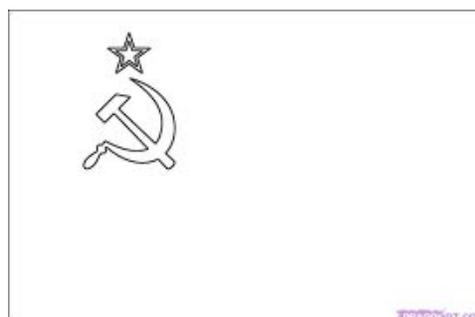
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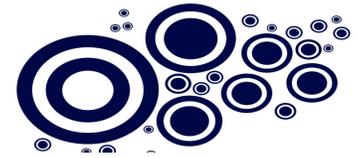
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Colour the flag of the Soviet Union (hammer and sickle, and star – yellow. The rest is red.)



My Apollo Summer The Sixties



Did you know?

- ✚ Only weeks after the Soviet Union put the first human in orbit around the earth, the space race took a dramatic turn. On May 25 1961 President Kennedy told the US Congress: ‘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.’ Thus, the Apollo Space Programme came into being.
- ✚ RTE began broadcasting on the 31st December 1961 – in black and white.
- ✚ The Sixties was a time of change and growth in Ireland. In its cover story of July, 1963, Time Magazine reported: “...for the first time in this century most Irishmen believe the future can be a bright one ... the signs are everywhere: in the new factories and office buildings, in the Irish-assembled cars (Fords, Austins, Volkswagens) fighting for street space in Dublin, in the new TV antennas crowding the rooftops ...”

The Sixties in Ireland: Find out what life was like Sixties from someone you know (a parent, grandparent, or perhaps a teacher in your school). Seek out interesting information under the following headings:

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Games and Hobbies:
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