The Space Race

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As you read the article, answer the questions in the space provided.

1. After World War II, the United States was in direct competition with _____ in what was known as the _____ War.

2. What was Sputnik? Who created and launched it? Why was it such a big deal?

3. Who was the American president when NASA was created? What does NASA stand for?

4. How did the US Air Force, the CIA, and "Corona" plan to use space satellites?

5. Who was the first person to orbit the Earth? Which country was he from?

6. Who was the first American to orbit the Earth? (Read the question and article carefully)

7. Who were the three American astronauts on Apollo 11?

8. On July 20, 1969, who became the first person to step onto the surface of the moon? What was his famous quote as he stepped onto the moon?

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