

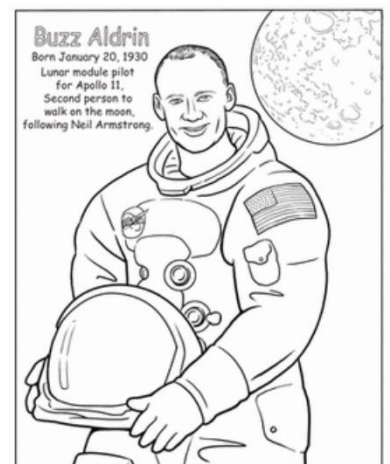
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## Man on the Moon part 1 - Comprehension:

(you are allowed to re-read the story)

1. Which two 'super-powers' were fighting? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What do we call a war with no actual battles? \_\_\_\_\_ (Think about it)
3. Who was the President of the USA in 1968? \_\_\_\_\_
4. The space race was about who could make the fastest rocket: True / False
5. What was the name of the very first artificial satellite? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Vocabulary. Find meanings for these two words:  
Espionage: \_\_\_\_\_  
Propaganda: \_\_\_\_\_
7. High level thinking: Why do you think the Americans and Russians didn't like each other? \_\_\_\_\_
8. What was the name of the mission to the Moon? \_\_\_\_\_
9. Where do you think the 'Toy Story' character *Buzz Lightyear* got his name from? :  
\_\_\_\_\_
10. Higher level thinking: Do you think that getting people to the Moon would have happened if the USA and USSR had **not** been fighting? Why, or why not?  
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Read more about the cold war: [http://www.ducksters.com/history/cold\\_war/summary.php](http://www.ducksters.com/history/cold_war/summary.php)

**Extra for experts:** Look up the difference between democracy and communism. What are the main ideas about how to live?



Ham the Chimp: American hero

More random facts:

- The USSR was the first to get a dog called Laika, a man called Yuri and then a woman called Valentina into space (All at different times). They were also first to do a space-walk.
- The USA did get a chimpanzee into space – called Ham. (Yes, like in the movie *Space Chimps*)
- Russian astronauts are called 'Cosmonauts'. Chinese space explorers are 'Taikonauts'.
- The cold war ended in 1991 when Communism collapsed, and the Berlin wall came down.

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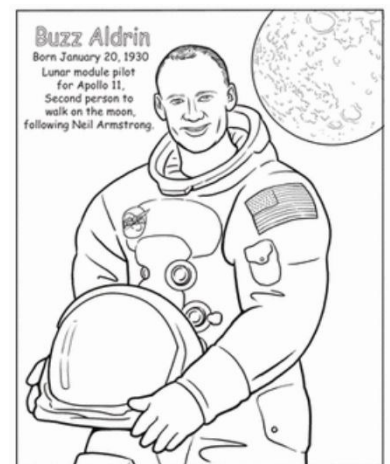
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