

# A Look Back at Modern History

## Unit 1: 1965—1969

### Which Came First?

For this puzzle, you have five lists of events, one list for each year in this unit. Your job is to put the events for each year in chronological order, with 1 being the first event from the list that happened that year and 10 being the last.

To solve this puzzle, you may need to guess some of the answers using your knowledge and reasoning skills. Then research online or at the library to check your answers. There's an answer key in the back if you get stuck.

## 1965

\_\_\_\_\_ Amos Alonzo Stagg, a college football coach for 70 years, dies at 102.

\_\_\_\_\_ *Mariner IV* ends its 228-day flight to Mars and begins sending photographs.

\_\_\_\_\_ Weather satellite *Tiros IX* is launched into orbit from Cape Kennedy.

\_\_\_\_\_ Casey Stengel ends his 56-year career in baseball.

\_\_\_\_\_ *Gemini III*, with Major Grissom and Lt. Col. Young, orbits Earth three times.

\_\_\_\_\_ Canada begins using its new Red Maple Leaf flag.

\_\_\_\_\_ Los Angeles Dodgers win the World Series.

\_\_\_\_\_ Communist China explodes its second atomic bomb.

\_\_\_\_\_ New York Worlds Fair closes.

\_\_\_\_\_ Act is signed creating Department of Housing and Urban Development.

## 1966

- \_\_\_\_\_ *Luna IX* makes the first soft landing on the moon.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Admission of Communist China to the United Nations is voted down for the sixteenth time.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Da Nang is captured by government troops of South Vietnam.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Chester W. Nimitz, one of the signers of the Japanese surrender documents, dies.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Chile outlaws siestas for government workers.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Legislation raising minimum wage to \$1.60 per hour over a period of time, is signed.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Walt Disney dies.
- \_\_\_\_\_ U.S. begins Medicare program.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Baltimore Orioles win World Series in four straight games.
- \_\_\_\_\_ First docking in space occurs with *Gemini VIII* flight.

## 1967

- \_\_\_\_\_ Executive Order is signed establishing the U.S. Department of Transportation.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Israel wins war with Arab countries.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The first successful human heart transplant is performed.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Bert Lahr, who played the Cowardly Lion in *The Wizard of Oz*, dies.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Fourteen countries sign treaty banning nuclear weapons in Latin America.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Steel industry is nationalized in Great Britain.
- \_\_\_\_\_ First Super Bowl is held.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Thurgood Marshall becomes the first African American justice on the Supreme Court.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The New York Stock Exchange celebrates its 175<sup>th</sup> birthday.
- \_\_\_\_\_ First U.S. disaster of the space program occurs.

## 1968

- \_\_\_\_\_ Yuri Gagarin, the first man in space, dies in a plane crash.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Detroit Tigers win the World Series.
- \_\_\_\_\_ President Johnson announces he will not run for reelection.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Civil Rights Act of 1968 is signed.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Mount Arenal, Costa Rica, erupts for the first time in about 450 years.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Earl Warren submits resignation as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Ford's Theatre reopens in Washington, D.C. after restoration.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Bob Jones, founder of Bob Jones University, dies.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Spain revokes its 1492 ban on Jews.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Martin Luther King, Jr. is assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee.

## 1969

- \_\_\_\_\_ Golda Meir is the fourth prime minister of Israel to take office.
- \_\_\_\_\_ *Saturday Evening Post* ends publication after 148 years.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Neil Armstrong is the first man to walk on the moon.
- \_\_\_\_\_ *Queen Elizabeth 2* begins its maiden voyage from England to New York.
- \_\_\_\_\_ *Apollo 12* makes the second U.S. manned moon landing.
- \_\_\_\_\_ New York Jets win the Super Bowl.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Boeing 747 jumbo jetliner makes its first public flight.
- \_\_\_\_\_ El Salvador invades Honduras in an undeclared war.
- \_\_\_\_\_ New York Mets win the World Series.
- \_\_\_\_\_ First test flight of the supersonic airliner *Concorde*.

## Sort It Out

Put the number of the event in the box under the correct year in the chart below. When you are finished, check your answers by doing research. There's an answer key in the back if you get stuck.

1. Indira Gandhi discusses India's food crisis with the U.S. president in Washington, D.C.
2. Former President Dwight D. Eisenhower dies.
3. France sends its first satellite into orbit.
4. The daughter of Joseph Stalin defects to the U.S.
5. *USS Will Rogers*, the last Polaris submarine for the U.S., is launched.
6. Coinage Bill is signed that eliminates silver from dimes and quarters.
7. Senator Robert F. Kennedy is assassinated in Los Angeles, California.
8. United Nations Space Rescue Treaty is signed.
9. Charles De Gaulle wins reelection giving him seven more years as President of France.
10. British expedition completes crossing of the frozen Arctic Ocean on foot after 476 days.
11. Russian satellite *Venus IV* is the first to land on Venus.
12. Australia begins its change from the pound and shilling monetary system to dollars and cents.
13. Oil leak from rig off the coast of California causes 800 square mile oil slick.
14. France launches its first nuclear submarine.
15. Helen Keller dies.
16. The Gateway Arch in St. Louis is completed.
17. First successful surgery to place a temporary artificial heart in a patient is performed.
18. Actor Spencer Tracy dies.
19. New York's Metropolitan Opera House closes after 83 years of operation.
20. U.S. ship *Pueblo* is seized by North Korea.

<b>1965</b>	<b>1966</b>	<b>1967</b>	<b>1968</b>	<b>1969</b>

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## Answer Key

### 1965

- \_\_3\_\_ Amos Alonzo Stagg, a college football coach for 70 years, dies at 102. (March 17, 1965)
- \_\_6\_\_ *Mariner IV* ends its 228-day flight to Mars and begins sending photographs. (July 14—15, 1965)
- \_\_1\_\_ Weather satellite *Tiros IX* is launched into orbit from Cape Kennedy. (January 22, 1965)
- \_\_7\_\_ Casey Stengel ends his 56-year career in baseball. (September 2, 1965)
- \_\_4\_\_ *Gemini III*, with Major Grissom and Lt. Col. Young, orbits Earth three times. (March 23, 1965)
- \_\_2\_\_ Canada begins using its new Red Maple Leaf flag. (February 15, 1965)
- \_\_9\_\_ Los Angeles Dodgers win the World Series. (October 6—14, 1965)
- \_\_5\_\_ Communist China explodes its second atomic bomb. (May 14, 1965)
- \_\_10\_\_ New York Worlds Fair closes. (October 17, 1965)
- \_\_8\_\_ Act is signed creating Department of Housing and Urban Development. (September 9, 1965)

### 1966

- \_\_2\_\_ *Luna IX* makes the first soft landing on the moon. (February 3, 1966)
- \_\_9\_\_ Admission of Communist China to the United Nations is voted down for the sixteenth time. (November 29, 1966)
- \_\_5\_\_ Da Nang is captured by government troops of South Vietnam. (May 22—23, 1966)
- \_\_3\_\_ Chester W. Nimitz, one of the signers of the Japanese surrender documents, dies. (February 20, 1966)
- \_\_1\_\_ Chile outlaws siestas for government workers. (January 3, 1966)
- \_\_7\_\_ Legislation raising minimum wage to \$1.60 per hour over a period of time, is signed. (September 23, 1966)
- \_\_10\_\_ Walt Disney dies. (December 15, 1966)
- \_\_6\_\_ U.S. begins Medicare program. (July 1, 1966)
- \_\_8\_\_ Baltimore Orioles win World Series in four straight games. (October 5-9, 1966)
- \_\_4\_\_ First docking in space occurs with *Gemini VIII* flight. (March 16, 1966)

## 1967

- \_\_4\_\_ Executive Order is signed establishing the U.S. Department of Transportation. (March 30, 1967)
- \_\_6\_\_ Israel wins war with Arab countries. (June 5—10, 1967)
- \_\_9\_\_ The first successful human heart transplant is performed. (December 3, 1967)
- \_\_10\_\_ Bert Lahr, who played the Cowardly Lion in *The Wizard of Oz*, dies. (December 4, 1967)
- \_\_3\_\_ Fourteen countries sign treaty banning nuclear weapons in Latin America. (February 14, 1967)
- \_\_8\_\_ Steel industry is nationalized in Great Britain. (July 28, 1967)
- \_\_1\_\_ First Super Bowl is held. (January 15, 1967)
- \_\_7\_\_ Thurgood Marshall becomes the first African American justice on the Supreme Court. (June 13, 1967)
- \_\_5\_\_ The New York Stock Exchange celebrates its 175<sup>th</sup> birthday. (May 17, 1967)
- \_\_2\_\_ First U.S. disaster of the space program occurs. (January 27, 1967)

## 1968

- \_\_3\_\_ Yuri Gagarin, the first man in space, dies in a plane crash. (March 27, 1968)
- \_\_9\_\_ Detroit Tigers win the World Series. (October 2—10, 1968)
- \_\_4\_\_ President Johnson announces he will not run for reelection. (March 31, 1968)
- \_\_6\_\_ Civil Rights Act of 1968 is signed. (April 11, 1968)
- \_\_8\_\_ Mount Arenal, Costa Rica, erupts for the first time in about 450 years. (July 29—August 1, 1968)
- \_\_7\_\_ Earl Warren submits resignation as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. (June 21, 1968)
- \_\_2\_\_ Ford's Theatre reopens in Washington, D.C. after restoration. (January 21, 1968)
- \_\_1\_\_ Bob Jones, founder of Bob Jones University, dies. (January 16, 1968)
- \_\_10\_\_ Spain revokes its 1492 ban on Jews. (December 16, 1968)
- \_\_5\_\_ Martin Luther King, Jr. is assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee. (April 4, 1968)

# 1969

- \_\_4\_\_ Golda Meir is the fourth prime minister of Israel to take office. (March 17, 1969)
- \_\_2\_\_ *Saturday Evening Post* ends publication after 148 years. (February 8, 1969)
- \_\_7\_\_ Neil Armstrong is the first man to walk on the moon. (July 20, 1969)
- \_\_5\_\_ *Queen Elizabeth 2* begins its maiden voyage from England to New York. (May 2, 1969)
- \_\_9\_\_ *Apollo 12* makes the second U.S. manned moon landing. (November 19, 1969)
- \_\_1\_\_ New York Jets win the Super Bowl. (January 12, 1969)
- \_\_10\_\_ Boeing 747 jumbo jetliner makes its first public flight. (December 3, 1969)
- \_\_6\_\_ El Salvador invades Honduras in an undeclared war. (July 14, 1969)
- \_\_8\_\_ New York Mets win the World Series. (October 16, 1969)
- \_\_3\_\_ First test flight of the supersonic airliner *Concorde*. (March 2, 1969)

## Sort It Out

1965	1966	1967	1968	1969
3	1	4	7	2
6	5	11	8	10
9	12	14	15	13
16	19	18	20	17