

Walter Cronkite & the Space Race

SPACE HISTORY CHALLENGE™

- What did Walter Cronkite say on air when *Apollo 11* landed on the Moon?
 - There you have it. History if made!
 - Boy, gee, boy
 - America One, Russia Zero
- In 1957, how did the media learn about rocket tests and launches off of Cape Canaveral?
 - A press release
 - The Air Force's daily press briefing
 - The engineers left the bar at the same time
- Where did JFK watch the Alan Shepard Jr. launch?
 - A TV in the Oval Office
 - A large screen in the Pentagon's War Room
 - A TV found on JFK's secretary's desk
- The remote CBS broadcast studio for Shepard's 1961 flight was housed...
 - Housed? It was two men with a camera
 - In the back of a station wagon
 - On the back deck of a house
- Why did people complain to CBS about its coverage of the *Gemini VIII* mission?
 - They were upset the astronauts might die
 - CBS didn't provide enough information
 - It interrupted the show...*Lost in Space!*
- During *Apollo*, much of the space footage shown to CBS viewers came from...
 - A camera onboard the spacecraft
 - Simulations and visualizations
 - A NASA telescope on video feed
- Which astronaut co-anchored CBS's *Apollo 11* coverage with Cronkite?
 - Wally Schirra
 - John Glenn Jr.
 - Gordon Cooper
- The original CBS broadcast featured what error during coverage of the *Apollo 11* Moon landing?
 - The simulation "landed" on the Moon several seconds early
 - Buzz Aldrin's name was mispronounced
 - The broadcast feed switched to a rerun of *Batman*
- Thousands of people packed which New York City landmark to watch the *Apollo 11* landing on a giant video screen?
 - Madison Square Garden
 - The New York Stock Exchange floor
 - Grand Central Station

Answers:

- (B)
- (C) Launches were run by the military and they restricted access to the base
- (C) There was no TV in the Oval Office, so JFK and members of the National Security Council watched it at Evelyn Lincoln's desk
- (B)
- (C) Stations interrupted programming to cover the mission's troubles. ABC delayed coverage due to the premier of *Batman*
- (B)
- (A)
- (A) The estimated landing time was thrown off because Armstrong had to pilot *Eagle* away from a boulder
- (C)

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