



WHAT IF?

The Space race ended with a walk on the moon. What might have happened if the Soviet Union had won the race? What might have happened if the U.S. space program had continued? Do some brainstorming and come up with some ideas!

- **Imagine the Soviet Union was the first country to land a man on the moon.** Write a short story that imagines characters and scenes in an alternative history in which the Soviet Union won the Space Race.
 - How would that have impacted the world?
 - How would the United States and the world have reacted?
 - How might the world we live in today be different?
- **Imagine that the Space Race didn't end with a walk on the moon and the United States kept the Apollo program going.** Research the Apollo missions that were never flown and find out about plans to travel to other planets. Write a short story that takes place during one of these imaginary missions.
 - How might these missions have changed the world?
 - What might have been discovered during these scientific explorations?

To investigate more, read a science fiction book that explores humans on other planets. What did the author imagine? Was it different from your own thoughts? How do fiction writers take factual information and use it to create stories?