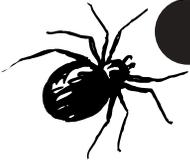


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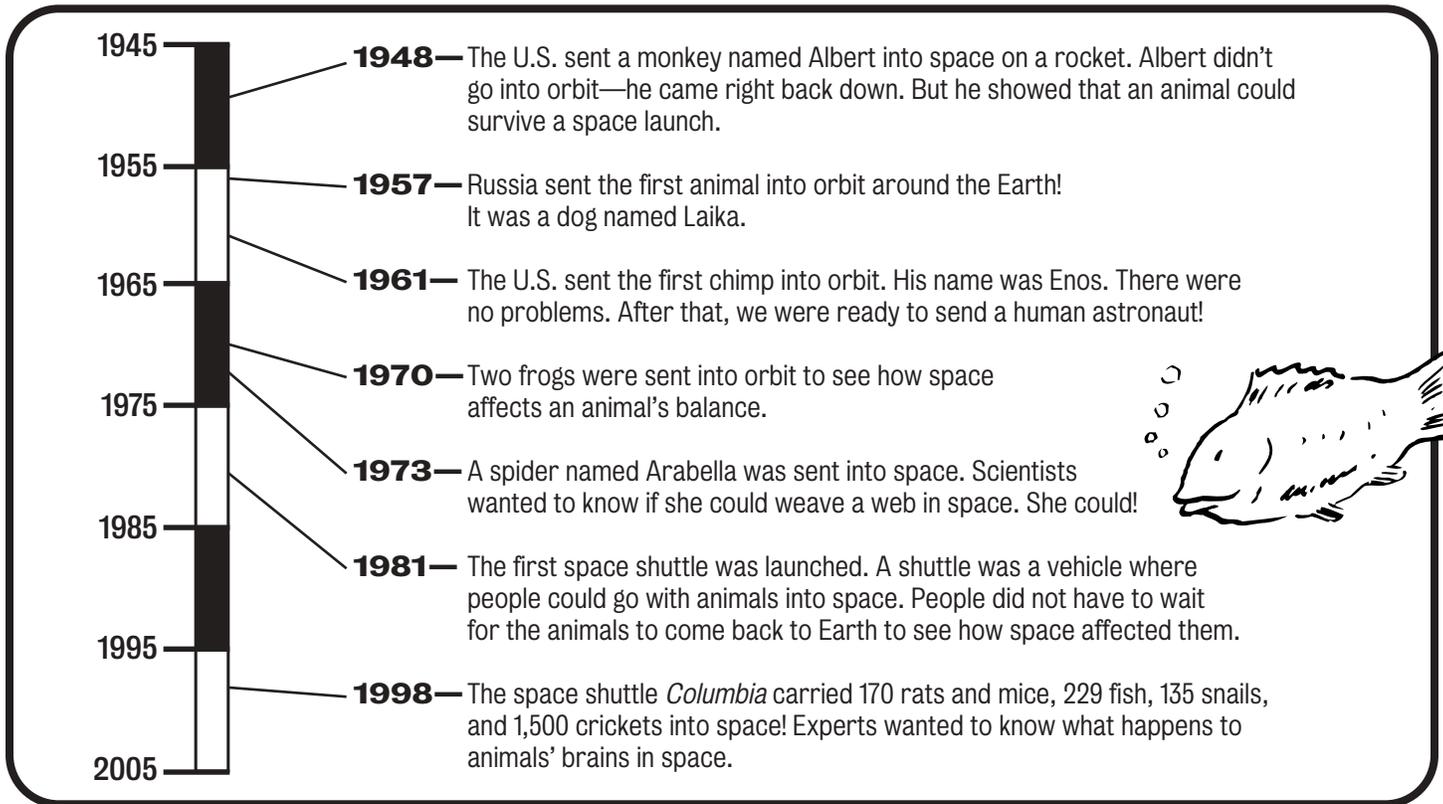


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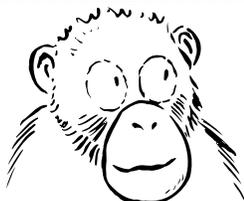
Astro-Animals



In a few years, the U.S. will send mice into space to learn about the effects of gravity. But the mice won't be the first animals in orbit! Read this time line to learn about some famous creatures in space. Use the time line to answer the questions.



1. When did the first animal orbit Earth? _____
2. What animal did the U.S. send into space in 1961? _____ What was its name? _____
3. How many years ago was Arabella sent into space? _____
4. How did space shuttles change the way people sent animals into space? _____
5. When did the U.S. send frogs into space? _____ What was the purpose of that mission? _____



BONUS:

The U.S. Postal Service often makes special stamps to honor important events and people. Imagine that you could create a stamp to honor America's animal astronauts. What would it look like? Why? Sketch your idea on a separate piece of paper.