America and the Soviet Union, deadlocked in the Cold War, set their sights on the final frontier — space. Go inside the more than decade long struggle between the two superpowers as they both set out to conquer the moon. German scientist Werner Von Braun leads the charge for the U.S. and Sergei Korolev for the Soviets, but in the race to space, only one side can get there first. Along the way, the cutthroat competition results in unparalleled technological advancements and spawns previously unimaginable feats of engineering — as the whole world watches. Famed theoretical physicist Michio Kaku, authors, and other space and engineering experts weigh in on the battle that inspired a nation and sent man where no one had ever gone before.

**Directions**: In the space below take notes on the important people, inventions and technological achievements made by each country/scientist. When the video is done use your notes to construct an argument in which you explain which country/scientist you believe should be given the title of “American Genius”. Be sure to provide a CLAIM, two pieces of EVIDENCE and REASONING and a COUNTERARGUMENT. Place your answer on the back of this sheet.

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