

# Process Paper

We chose this topic because space is something that we are all interested and passionate about. We also had some background knowledge prior to doing our research. This topic interests us because we love everything about space, and the space race was the start of it all. The space race also helped develop a lot of the technology that we have today, and our world wouldn't be like it is now without it.

Our topic relates to the annual theme because satellites were able to advance communication by making it so the world could communicate over longer distances than they were previously able to. Because of the Space Race, technology was also able to advance. For example, satellites were able to make it so you can call someone that is across the world.

We conducted our research by looking up and searching for information and looked for important information to put on a google doc. We found five different pieces of information for each source. We found most of the information in our project from Utah's Online Library, NASA.gov, and just searching for reliable sources on google.com. Almost all of our primary sources were declassified documents from the U.S. government. They were the most helpful because they had a lot of the information about exactly how the country felt, and what was happening during that time period.

We created our project using the NHD Website builder and we often met in person. We would share our ideas when we met during school, and after school. We would share files, images and articles that we found interesting through email. Every Other day during the week we would work on the website for about an hour and twenty minutes, and then work at our own homes.

Our argument is that the satellites developed during the space race were necessary to enhance communication. Satellites in the modern times send signals that creates cell phone communication, brings access to the internet, which lets people send things like pictures, videos , and articles through programs such as email.

The reason our topic is important is that the satellites developed in the Space Race made it so a lot of the technology around at the time could advance. It also made it so that a lot of new technologies were invented. Without satellites, there would be no GPS, long-distance phone calls, web browsers, the satellite picture option on google maps, and lots of other things. Smartphones would still be around, but they would be a lot slower than they are now. If there were no satellites, today's world would look very different.