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From 1957 to 1959, the United States and Soviet Union were involved in a competition to explore space. This was later called the Space Race because both countries wanted to be the first to put a person on the moon. Each country recruited its top scientists to work on this. In 1961, the Soviet Union was the first to put a man in space. The Americans were embarrassed and put all their effort into getting a man on the moon. The United States achieved this in 1969 when Neil Armstrong became the first man to walk on the moon.

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What explains why the Americans were embarrassed?

They wanted better scientists to work on the Space Race.

The Soviet Union beat them by putting a man in space.

The United States wanted to put a man on the moon.

The Soviet Union put Neil Armstrong on the moon in 1969.



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In ancient Egypt, a pharaoh was a leader who people thought was not only a man, but a god. The most famous pharaoh today is known as King Tut. King Tut died very early at the age of 18. The tomb he was buried in was full of treasures, riches, and gold. Originally it was believed he died by being murdered by one of his people, but now researchers believe he died from a broken leg. A scan of Tut's mummy revealed an unhealed fracture in his thigh bone. They believe he had a bone disease, which made his bones easier to break, leading to his death.

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What was the cause of King Tut's death?

One of his people
broke his leg to try
to kill him.

He had a disease
that made his bones
break easily.

People wanted to
prove he was not
really a god.

He was murdered
for his treasures,
riches, and gold.

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There were many plagues that people died from in the days before modern medicine. One surprising plague was called the Dancing Plague of 1518. A woman named Frau Troffea began dancing in a town called Strasbourg. The problem was she couldn't stop dancing! She danced for six days without stopping. Thirty-four other people joined in and couldn't stop dancing either. By the end of the month, more than four hundred people had joined in and up to fifteen people a day were dying from exhaustion or heart attacks. Then, just as soon as it started, the dancing mysteriously stopped.

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What caused the people of Strasbourg to start dancing?

Modern medicine created a plague.

One woman started dancing and people slowly joined her.

It started with four hundred dancing people and more joined.

People were afraid of getting heart attacks, so they danced.