The 1960s

Men walk on the Moon.

Eight years after Kennedy set the goal, two Americans walked on the Moon and came home. The laser, the integrated circuit and the heart transplant arrived in the same decade.

What rose

1960. The first working laser. Source: Laser

1961. Yuri Gagarin, then Alan Shepard, fly in space. Source: Alan Shepard

1967. Christiaan Barnard performs the first human heart transplant. Source: Heart transplantation

1968. Apollo 8 orbits the Moon and photographs Earthrise. Source: Apollo 8

1969. Apollo 11 lands on the Moon. The first ARPANET message is sent. Source: Apollo 11

What fell or stalled

Violent crime in the U.S. roughly doubled over the decade. Source: Crime in the United States

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