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Moon Fact Timeline Answer Key

1 – The first confirmed discovery of Jupiter's four largest moons by Galileo Galilei. (1610)

2 – Triton, Neptune's largest moon, is discovered by William Lassell. (1846)

3 – The Soviet Luna 2 probe becomes the first human-made object to impact the Moon. (1959)

4 – NASA's Apollo 11 mission lands the first humans on the Moon. (1969)

5 – Voyager 1 and Voyager 2 fly past Jupiter and Saturn, discovering active volcanoes on Io. (1979)

6 – NASA's Galileo spacecraft conducts close flybys of Europa, Callisto, and Ganymede. (1990s)

7 – The Hubble Space Telescope detects signs of a possible subsurface ocean on Europa. (1990s–early 2000s)

8 – The Cassini spacecraft observes geysers erupting from Saturn's moon Enceladus. (2005)

9 – The Japanese spacecraft SELENE (Kaguya) maps the Moon's surface in detail. (2007)

10 – The New Horizons spacecraft flies by Pluto and Charon. (2015)