First Launch of Astronauts from America since 2011

Historic events took place on Saturday, May 30, 2020.   Kennedy Space Centre, Florida (NASA)

- Space X and NASA (joint venture) launched astronauts into space from Cape Kennedy in Florida.
- This was the first launch of astronauts from American soil since the Space Shuttle Program ended in 2011.
- The astronaut's capsule is called "Dragon".
- The two astronauts are: Doug Hurley and Bob Behnken
- The rocket that launched the Dragon capsule with 2 astronauts inside was Falcon 9.
- The Falcon 9 Rocket lands on a "drone ship", in the Atlantic 9 minutes later, and the Dragon capsule continues on carrying the astronauts to the space station.
- It is a 19 hour "ride" to the Space Station.
- The Dragon Crew arrives safely at Space Station on Sunday, May 31, 2020

Below are some YouTube clips of highlights, that you may interest you:

Falcon 9 & Dragon Capsule Launch
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OUgO8x5tEfU

Falcon 9 Rocket lands on Drone
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A-D5eVzkCvU

Tour from Space: Inside the SpaceX Crew Dragon Spacecraft on Its Way to the Space Station
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=llbIzbOStt4

Dragon and Crew docks at Space Station Live Stream…. 4 hours long!
…..here are some times to skip to…

- 56 min…. capsule docks at space station
- 1:36:00 …view from inside ISS as astronaut on board space station hooks up power etc… to capsule
- 3:51:00…hatch opens and astronauts board space station.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zNklfC6jgBs

Watch Dragon capsule dock to the International Space Station

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jd_aIRkI5ws

Space X – ISS Docking Simulator……….you can try docking to the space station using the actual interface used by NASA

https://iss-sim.spacex.com/

Watch SpaceX Crew Dragon hatch open and board the ISS

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K9PtxnyLWco

NASA astronauts first remarks aboard the ISS

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sNM_GWuu5MY