Claim / Data Point Supported	Citation	Link
USS Nautilus (SSN-571) was the world's first nuclear-powered submarine, authorized in 1951, launched in 1954, and commissioned in September 1954	Naval History and Heritage Command	https://www.history.navy.mil/browse-by-topic/ships/submarines/uss-nautilus.html
The development of Nautilus was led by Captain Hyman G. Rickover, with the reactor built by Westinghouse and construction at Electric Boat Company	Wikipedia: Nuclear submarine	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nuclear_submarine
Nautilus demonstrated the revolutionary capability of nuclear submarines: indefinite underwater endurance, no need for atmospheric oxygen, and high sustained submerged speeds	Britannica: Nuclear submarine	https://www.britannica.com/technology/nuclear-submarine
Ballistic missile submarines (Polaris, Ohio, Borei class) were developed during the Cold War for survivable nuclear deterrence, enabling second-strike capability	Tactical Missions	https://tacticalmissions.com/ballistic-missile-submarines/
H.L. Hunley was the first submarine in history to successfully sink an enemy ship (USS Housatonic, 1864)	South Carolina Historical Society	https://schistory.org/august-1863-the-h-l-hunley-sinks-for-the-first-time-in-charleston-harbor/
INS Arihant is India's first indigenous nuclear ballistic missile submarine, launched July 26, 2009, operational since 2016, and part of India's nuclear triad	NDTV	https://www.ndtv.com/india-news/ten-facts-about-ins-arihant-indias-first-nuclear-ballistic-missile-submarine-1943121
Only six countries currently operate nuclear-powered submarines: US, Russia, China, UK, France, and India	Britannica: Nuclear submarine	https://www.britannica.com/technology/nuclear-submarine
The AUKUS partnership (Australia, UK, US) is enabling Australia to develop nuclear-powered submarines for the first time	University of Illinois News	https://news.illinois.edu/what-are-the-geopolitical-implications-of-us-nuclear-submarine-deal-with-australia/