



Neil Armstrong

Summary	Neil Armstrong will always be remembered for being the first man to step on the Moon. Armstrong flew to the Moon in the spacecraft Apollo 11 with two other astronauts, Buzz Aldrin and Michael Collins. Armstrong was the commander of the mission and was the pilot of the Moon lander, Eagle. Armstrong received many awards for his achievements, including the Presidential Medal of Freedom, one of America's biggest honours. After the Moon landing, Armstrong continued to work for NASA and in space engineering. He always said he was only doing his duty and hoped he would be remembered for more than just this breakthrough event.		
Main Events:	1930: Born 1952: Joined NASA 1966: Took his first flight into space 20 July 1969: Became the first man to walk on the Moon 2012: Died	Vocabulary:	commander: person in charge of a military operation achievements: things done successfully after lots of effort breakthrough: successful for the first time exploration: search of an unfamiliar area
Culture & Pastimes:	N/A	Society:	N/A
Food & Farming:	N/A	Beliefs:	N/A
Settlements:	N/A	Travel & Exploration:	The Apollo 11 mission wasn't just about getting to the Moon and back. Scientists at NASA also wanted to learn as much about the Moon as they could. The first job Armstrong had to do was to land the Eagle (the small craft that took them to the Moon from Apollo 11) at the landing site, Tranquility Base. Armstrong and Aldrin then spent almost three hours walking on the surface of the Moon. They collected samples of Moon rocks and carried out experiments. The astronauts left a US flag and a plaque saying 'Here men from the planet Earth first set foot upon the Moon. July 1969 A.D. We came in peace for all mankind.'
Conflict:	N/A	Location:	N/A
Artefacts:	Collectors pay huge amounts of money for space exploration artefacts. In 2017 a small zippered bag used by Armstrong and laced with Moon dust sold for 1.8 million dollars.	Innovations which influenced the modern world:	N/A
Key Local Links:	N/A	Common Misconceptions:	Some people feel the first human landing on the moon was staged in a studio because there is no photos of Neil Armstrong but Buzz Aldrin did not take any of him when he passed the camera over to him.

Another reason people thought it had been staged was because the flag looked like it was flapping in the photo and there is no wind on the moon. However, experts have pointed out that the flag does not move unless directly touched and it takes a long time to settle due to there being no atmosphere.

"Someone else would have to be on the Moon to film the first step" - This is a confusing point until you learn that the first step on the Moon was actually filmed by a camera mounted on the Eagle lander. The pictures that a lot of people relate to Neil Armstrong's first step on the Moon are actually of Buzz Aldrin and were taken by Armstrong.



	Basic	Advancing	Deep
Main Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none">List the main events in Armstrong's life. Put these dates on a timeline.Find out what NASA stands for.What was Armstrong's role in the mission to the Moon?When did Armstrong land on the Moon?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Create a timeline with key events of this decade.Write a list of questions you would have asked Armstrong when he returned to Earth.Explain what reaching the Moon meant to the American nation.Organise information about the life of Neil Armstrong.Explain what makes Neil Armstrong a significant person.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Suggest some reasons why Armstrong wanted to be remembered for more than the Moon landing.Investigate the types of transport that were involved in flying to the Moon.
Travel & Transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">How long did Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin spend on the surface of the Moon?What did they do in that time?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Why was flying to the Moon considered a breakthrough event?Compare and contrast the expedition to the Moon with another famous expedition from history that you know about.Why were astronauts so famous in America in the 1960s?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Investigate an Apollo mission that took place before Apollo 11.Do you agree? Exploration of space is an important and worthwhile thing to do. Justify your answer.
Artefacts	<ul style="list-style-type: none">What did the astronauts of Apollo 11 leave behind on the Moon and what did it say?What kind of primary or secondary sources do you think you would be able to use to find out more about Neil Armstrong's life?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Explain why we need artefacts to help us understand historical events.Why do people pay such large amounts of money for artefacts connected to the Moon landing?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Suggest other artefacts that could tell us about the Apollo 11 mission to the Moon.Do you agree? Artefacts from the Moon landing should be available for the public to see.
Culture & Pastimes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Where was Armstrong from?Find out where in America Apollo 11 launched from.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Explain why the landing site was called Tranquillity Base.Organise information about the Moon.Identify on a map the two nations trying to send a man to the Moon in the 1960s.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Investigate the area of the Moon called the Sea of Tranquillity.