First Man on the Moon

Neil Armstrong was an American astronaut, who was famous for being the first person to walk on the Moon.

Early Life

Neil Armstrong was born on 5th August 1930 in the United States of America. His passion for flying began at a young age. When he was two years old, his parents took him to Cleveland Air Race, which was where he saw his first ever aircraft.

At the age of six, Armstrong was taken by his dad for a ride in an aeroplane. He worked hard to achieve his dream of being a pilot. Armstrong was only 16 years old when he received his first pilot's licence. This was before he could even drive a car!

In September 1962, Neil Armstrong was accepted to the NASA astronaut corps, where he knew he might one day go into space. Amazingly, he flew over 200 different aircraft during his career.

Preparation

In 1968, he was offered the chance to command the space mission Apollo 11. This would be the first manned landing on the Moon. It took months of practice and preparation before NASA were happy that everything was safe.

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The Moon Landing

Finally, everything was ready! On 16th July 1969 at 13:32, Neil Armstrong and his fellow crew members, Buzz Aldrin and Michael Collins, blasted off into space.

Neil Armstrong became the first man to walk on the Moon on 20th July 1969. It was shown all across the world on television. It is estimated that 600 million people watched the astronauts make history.

During their moon walk, Armstrong and Aldrin planted the flag of the United States. They also spent time collecting Moon rocks from the surface. The astronauts returned home to Earth on 24th July 1969.

Did You Know...?

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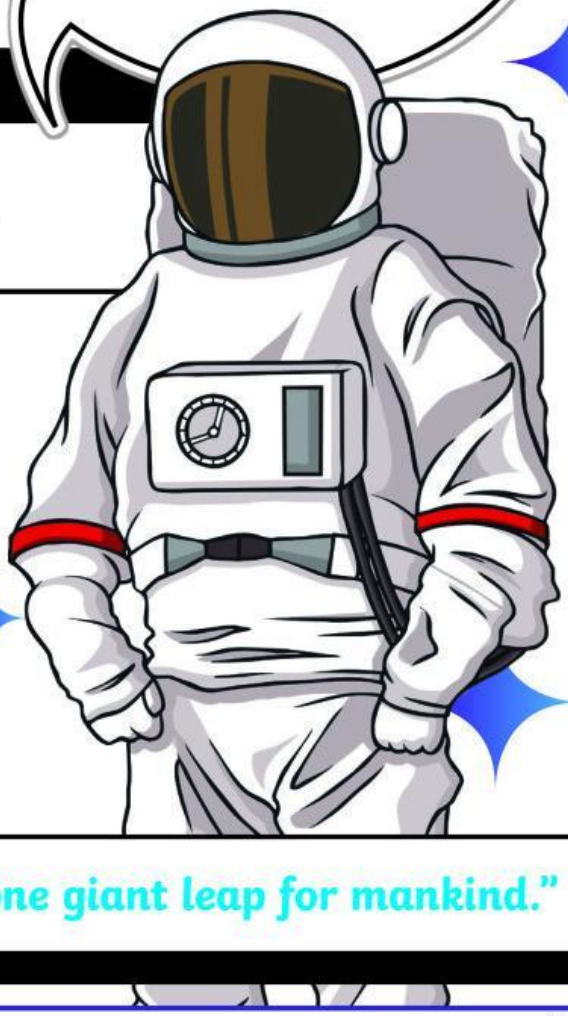

Fun Facts

- Neil Armstrong was a keen Boy Scout.
- He suffered from travel sickness as a child but was fine in space!

Later Life

After he had returned home, Armstrong retired from being an astronaut. However, his enthusiasm for space and aircraft continued and he became a professor in order to share his passion.

Famous Words

Neil Armstrong died on 25th August 2012 at the age of 82. He will always be remembered for his famous words:

"That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind."

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Questions

1. Who was Neil Armstrong? Tick one.

   ○ an American scientist
   ○ a British pilot
   ○ The first person to drive a car.
   ○ The first person to walk on the Moon.

2. Where was Neil Armstrong born? Tick one.

   ○ in the UK
   ○ in Cleveland
   ○ in France
   ○ in the United States of America

3. Number the events from 1-4 to show the order in which they happened.

   ☐ Neil Armstrong went to Cleveland Air Race.
   ☐ Neil Armstrong was born on 5th August 1930.
   ☐ Neil Armstrong blasted off into space.
   ☐ Neil Armstrong was accepted to the NASA astronaut corps.

4. Why did the space mission Apollo 11 take months of practice and preparation? Tick one.

   ○ NASA had to check that everything was safe.
   ○ Neil Armstrong was suffering from travel sickness.
   ○ 600 million people watched.
   ○ Neil Armstrong received his first pilot's licence.

5. Which **two** activities did Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin do during their moon walk?

   1. _____

   2. _____

6. Find and copy one word which shows that Neil Armstrong was no longer an astronaut after returning home.

   _____

7. Would you like to be an astronaut? Explain your answer.

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   _____

   _____

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Answers

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5. Which **two** activities did Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin do during their moon walk?

   1. **They planted a flag of the United States.**
   2. **They spent time collecting Moon rocks from the surface.**

6. Find and copy one word which shows that Neil Armstrong was no longer an astronaut after returning home.
   retired

7. Would you like to be an astronaut? Explain your answer.
   Pupils' own responses, such as: Yes, I would like to be an astronaut because it sounds like a very exciting job! I would like to go back to the Moon and see if I could see Neil Armstong's footprints!

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In 1969, Neil Armstrong became a worldwide name and a hero. He was the first person to walk on the Moon.

Early Life

Neil Armstrong was born on 5th August 1930, in the state of Ohio in the United States of America

His passion for flying blossomed at a young age. When he was two years old, his parents took him to Cleveland Air Race, where he saw his first-ever aircraft up close.

At the age of six, Armstrong was taken by his dad for a ride in an aeroplane. He worked hard to achieve his dream of being a pilot. Armstrong was only 16 years old when he received his first pilot's licence. This was before he could even drive a car!

During his long career, Neil Armstrong flew more than 200 different aircraft. His strengths were being resilient and calm under pressure so he was excellent at flying in very dangerous situations. In September 1962, he was accepted to the NASA astronaut corps.

Preparation

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Fun Facts

- Armstrong was an eager Boy Scout and earned the rank of Eagle Scout!
- As a child, he suffered from travel sickness but luckily he was absolutely fine on the journey to the Moon!
- He loved making model aircraft in his spare time.

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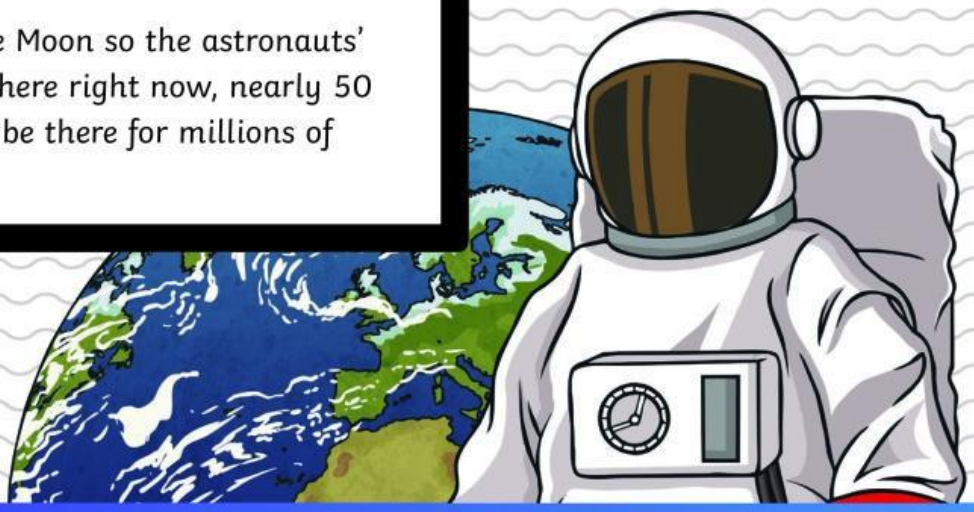

The Moon Landing

Finally, everything was ready! On 16th July 1969 at 13:32, the powerful Saturn V rocket blasted Neil Armstrong and his fellow crew members, Buzz Aldrin and Michael Collins, into space. It was a long journey to the Moon that took over 3 days!

4 days later, Armstrong and Aldrin landed on the Moon. They landed in the lunar module called 'the Eagle'. Collins stayed in orbit, doing experiments and taking photographs. On 20th July 1969, they opened the hatch of the Eagle after checks and preparation.

The Moon landing was shown all across the world on television. It is estimated that 600 million people watched. As he stepped off the ladder, he was heard to say, "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind."

During their moon walk, Armstrong and Aldrin planted the flag of the United States. They also spent time collecting Moon rocks from the surface and brought them back to Earth to be studied. The astronauts arrived home on Earth on 24th July 1969.

Later Life

After he had returned home, Armstrong retired from being an astronaut. However, his enthusiasm for space and aircraft continued and he became a professor in order to share his passion. Neil Armstrong died on 25th August 2012 at the age of 82.

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Questions

1. In 1969, what did Neil Armstrong become? Tick **two**.

   - ○ a pilot
   - ○ an eager Boy Scout
   - ○ a worldwide name
   - ○ a hero

2. Number the events from 1-4 to show the order in which they happened.

   - ☐ Neil Armstrong's parents took him to Cleveland Air Race.
   - ☐ Neil Armstrong was accepted to the NASA astronaut corps.
   - ☐ Neil Armstrong received his first pilot's licence.
   - ☐ Neil Armstrong's dad took him for a ride in an aeroplane.

3. What happened to Neil Armstrong on 16th July 1969? Tick one.

   - ○ He suffered from travel sickness.
   - ○ He opened the hatch.
   - ○ He was offered the chance to command the space mission Apollo 11.
   - ○ The Saturn V rocket blasted him and his fellow crew members into space.

4. Draw **four** lines to match each statement to the correct sub-heading.

Preparation	Neil Armstrong was offered the chance to command Apollo 11.
	It took months of testing.
The Moon Landing	It was shown all across the world on television.
	They collected Moon rocks.

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5. Fill in the missing words.

   As a child, he suffered from _____ sickness but luckily he was absolutely fine on the journey to the _____!

6. Find and copy one word which shows how keen he was as a Boy Scout.

   _____

7. Why do you think 600 million people watched the Moon landing on television?

   _____

   _____

   _____

8. Why do you think Neil Armstrong became a professor?

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   _____

   _____

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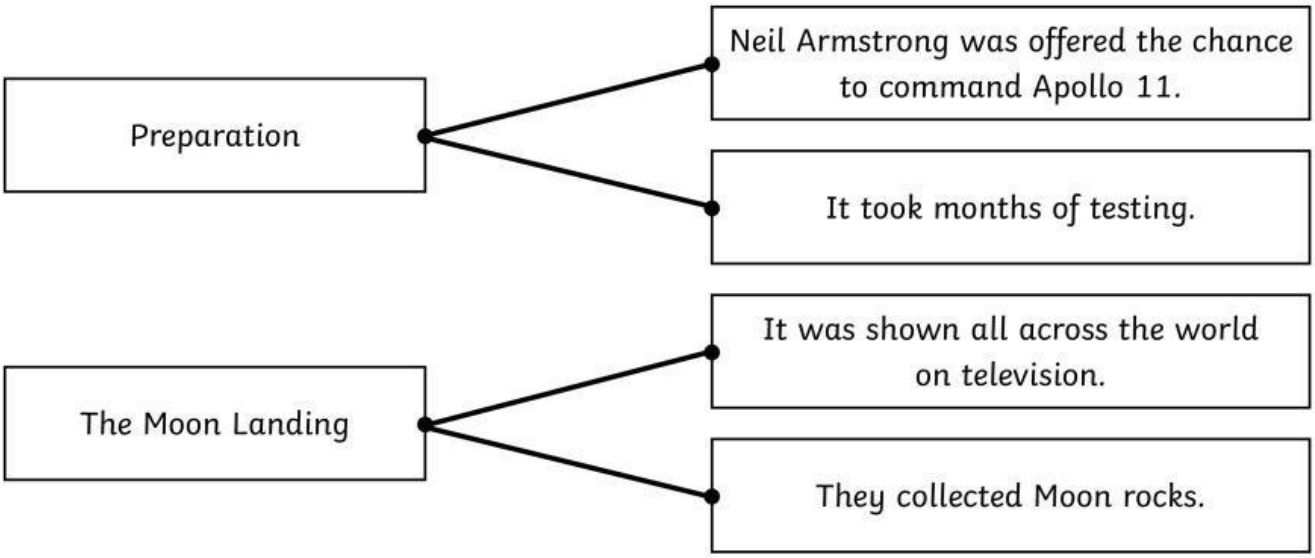

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5. Fill in the missing words.

   As a child, he suffered from **travel** sickness but luckily he was absolutely fine on the journey to the **Moon**!

6. Find and copy one word which shows how keen he was as a Boy Scout.
   eager

7. Why do you think 600 million people watched the Moon landing on television?
   Pupils' own responses, such as: I think 600 million people would have watched the Moon landing because the astronauts were making history as the first people to land on the Moon.

8. Why do you think Neil Armstrong became a professor?
   Pupils' own responses, such as: I think Armstrong became a professor because even though he was retired, his enthusiasm for space continued and he wanted to share his passion.

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In July 1969, Neil Armstrong became a hero, a national treasure and worldwide name. He was the American astronaut, who was the first person to ever set foot on the surface of the Moon.

Early Life

Neil Armstrong was born on 5th August 1930, in the state of Ohio in the United States of America. He was the eldest of three children and developed a passion for aviation from a young age.

His first experience of aircraft was when his parents took him to Cleveland Air Race as a toddler. At the age of six, he flew for the first time with his father. As a teenager, he took flying lessons, which he paid for himself by working at a local chemist. He practised and persevered. Consequently, by 16 years old he had achieved his first pilot's licence. This was before he could even drive a car!

During his career in aviation, Neil Armstrong flew more than 200 different aircraft! He was renowned for being resilient and calm under pressure, strengths which helped him to fly in very dangerous situations. It was in September 1962 that he was accepted to the NASA astronaut corps, which would eventually lead to the very difficult job of landing on the Moon!

Fun Facts

- Neil Armstrong was a committed Boy Scout and earned the rank of Eagle Scout!
- He loved making model aircraft in his spare time.
- As a child, he suffered from travel sickness but fortunately he did not experience space sickness.

Did You Know...?

A modern smartphone is several thousand times more powerful than the computers used for Apollo 11!

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Did You Know...?

The Saturn V rocket was the largest rocket ever built, standing at 111 metres tall! It was higher than the Statue of Liberty and taller than many tower blocks!

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The Moon Landing

Finally, everything was ready! On 16th July 1969 at 13:32, the powerful Saturn V rocket blasted Neil Armstrong and his fellow crew members, Edwin Aldrin and Michael Collins, into space. Aldrin was also known as Buzz Aldrin. It was a long journey to the Moon, which lasted over three days.

Once they arrived, the crew split up. Armstrong and Aldrin climbed into the lunar module, called 'the Eagle', to begin the descent to the Moon's surface. Collins stayed in orbit, doing experiments and taking photographs. On 20th July 1969, Armstrong and Aldrin opened the Eagle's hatch following final checks and preparation. The Moon landing was shown all across the world on television to an estimated audience of 600 million people. As he stepped off the ladder, onto the Moon's surface, Armstrong was heard to say, "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind."

After landing, Armstrong and Aldrin had a moon walk around the landing site where they planted the flag of the United States. They also spent time collecting Moon rocks from the surface so they could be studied back on Earth. The astronauts arrived home on Earth on 24th July where they were quarantined. This means to be put in isolation in case of infectious diseases or illnesses before being released to tour the country.

Later Life

After he had returned home, Armstrong retired from being an astronaut. However, his enthusiasm for space and aircraft continued and he became a professor in order to share his passion. Neil Armstrong died on 25th August 2012, aged 82.

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Questions

1. When was Neil Armstrong born? Tick one.

   - ○ July 1969
   - ○ August 1930
   - ○ September 1962
   - ○ September 1946

2. What happened to Neil Armstrong when he was six years old? Tick one.

   - ○ His parents took him to Cleveland Air Race.
   - ○ He took flying lessons.
   - ○ He became a hero.
   - ○ He flew for the first time with his father.

3. What did Neil Armstrong love to do in his spare time?

   _____

4. What does the author mean when they describe Neil Armstrong as a **worldwide name**?

   _____

5. How could Neil Armstrong afford to take flying lessons?

   _____

6. Explain why the crew did not come straight back home after landing on the Moon.

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   _____

   _____

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7. Many people wanted the astronauts to tour the country after arriving home.
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3. What did Neil Armstrong love to do in his spare time?
   Neil Armstrong loved to make model aircraft in his spare time.

4. What does the author mean when they describe Neil Armstrong as a **worldwide name**?
   It means his name was known all over the world because he had achieved something so amazing.

5. How could Neil Armstrong afford to take flying lessons?
   Neil Armstrong could afford to take flying lessons because he worked and earned money at a local chemist.

6. Explain why the crew did not come straight back home after landing on the Moon.
   Pupils' own responses, such as: The crew did not come straight back after landing on the Moon because they were quarantined and after this, they were released to tour the country.

7. Many people wanted the astronauts to tour the country after arriving home.
   Why do you think this was?
   Pupils' own responses, such as: I think people wanted the astronauts to tour because they were very popular after making history and being heroes for walking on the Moon.

8. How would you describe Neil Armstrong? Use evidence from the text to support your answer.
   Pupils' own responses, such as: I think that Neil Armstrong was hardworking because he worked in a local chemist to raise money to pay for flying lessons. This shows that he was willing to work hard to achieve his dream. He was calm under pressure and able to fly in very dangerous situations and this would be useful on a mission to the Moon.

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