

Social Studies / History Assessment: The Moon Landing and Neil Armstrong

Learning objective: To demonstrate knowledge and understanding of Neil Armstrong's role in the 1969 Moon landing and its historical significance.

Read each question carefully. Use your historical knowledge to answer in full sentences where required. Ensure your spelling is accurate.

In July 1969, the world watched in awe as the Apollo 11 mission reached the Moon. Neil Armstrong, the mission commander, became the first human to step onto the lunar surface. Accompanied by Buzz Aldrin and Michael Collins, this historic achievement marked a major turning point in human exploration and technology.

Word bank: Apollo 11 · Space Race · Lunar Module · 1969 · Astronaut · NASA · Surface · Gravity

- 1. In what year did Neil Armstrong and his crew land on the Moon? (1 mark)**

- 2. What was the name of the NASA mission that successfully landed the first humans on the Moon? (1 mark)**

- 3. Identify two pieces of equipment or clothing an astronaut would need to survive on the Moon and explain why they are necessary. (4 marks)**

- 4. Why was the Moon landing considered a significant 'first' in human history? (3 marks)**

- 5. Describe the journey from Earth to the Moon. Mention the launch, the travel through space, and the landing process. (6 marks)**

6. Explain why the Space Race was an important factor in the development of the Apollo 11 mission. (5 marks)

7. Imagine you are Neil Armstrong. Write a short diary entry (5 marks) describing the moment you first stepped onto the Moon's surface. Think about how you felt and what you saw. (5 marks)

Draw: Draw a labelled diagram of the Apollo 11 Lunar Module landing on the Moon's surface. Include details like the ladder, the landing pads, and the surrounding craters.



Extension challenge: Total: /25