

Moon Mission: Exploring the Life of Neil Armstrong

Learning objective: To understand the significance of Neil Armstrong's life, his role in the 1969 Moon landing, and why this event is a key moment in human history.

Read the questions carefully and use your knowledge of the Space Race and the Apollo 11 mission to provide full, clear answers. Ellie the elephant is here to help you remember the important facts!

Ellie the elephant remembers that Neil Armstrong was a brave pilot who became a world-famous astronaut. In 1969, he was the commander of the Apollo 11 mission. Along with Buzz Aldrin and Michael Collins, he travelled to the Moon. When Neil stepped onto the surface, he said, 'That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind.' This mission changed the world's understanding of space and science forever.

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

1. In what year did the Apollo 11 mission successfully land on the Moon? (1 mark)

2. Name the two other astronauts who travelled with Neil Armstrong on the Apollo 11 mission. (2 marks)

3. Explain why Neil Armstrong's first steps on the Moon were considered a 'giant leap for mankind'. (3 marks)

4. Neil Armstrong was a pilot before he joined NASA. Why do you think being a pilot was an important skill for an astronaut in 1969? (2 marks)

5. If you were designing a mission to the Moon today, what is one piece of equipment you would pack to help you study the lunar surface? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a scene showing Neil Armstrong standing on the surface of the Moon. Include the Lunar Module and the Earth visible in the dark sky above him.



Extension challenge: Research one other person who worked for NASA during the 1960s, such as Katherine Johnson. Write three sentences explaining how their work helped make the Apollo 11 mission a success.