

History Writing Frame: A Giant Leap for Mankind

Learning objective: To write a biographical account of the life and achievements of Neil Armstrong.

Use this writing scaffold to help you organise your biography of Neil Armstrong. Remember to use formal language and ensure your facts are in chronological order.

Neil Armstrong was an American astronaut who made history by becoming the first human to set foot on the Moon on 20th July 1969.

Word bank: furthermore · subsequently · during · in addition to · notably · an extraordinary achievement · pioneering · meanwhile · consequently

1. Early Life and Interests: Where did Neil Armstrong grow up and what hobbies or interests sparked his passion for aviation? Start your paragraph with: 'Born in Ohio in 1930, Neil Armstrong developed a fascination with flight at a young age because...' (2 marks)

2. Career and Training: What path did Neil take to become an astronaut? Start your paragraph with: 'Before joining NASA, Neil served as a naval aviator and a test pilot, which allowed him to...' (2 marks)

3. The Apollo 11 Mission: Describe the journey and the arrival at the Moon. Start your paragraph with: 'In July 1969, the Apollo 11 mission launched, leading to a historic moment when...' (3 marks)

4. The Moon Walk: What did Neil Armstrong do whilst on the surface? Start your paragraph with: 'As he stepped onto the lunar surface, Neil famously declared that it was a giant leap for mankind, then he proceeded to...' (3 marks)

5. Legacy: Why is Neil Armstrong remembered today? Start your paragraph with: 'Neil Armstrong's legacy continues to inspire people around the world because...' (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine Ellie the elephant is researching this mission for her history collection. Write a short journal entry from her perspective explaining why she finds the Apollo 11 mission so important to human history.