

Mission to the Moon: Neil Armstrong Fact-File

Learning objective: To identify and explain the significance of Neil Armstrong as a key figure in the Space Race.

Use your research skills to complete this fact-file about Neil Armstrong. Think about why his journey was such an important moment in history. You can use books or reliable educational websites to find your facts.

Word bank: Apollo 11 · Astronaut · Lunar Module · NASA · The Moon · 1969 · Space Race · Commander

1. Early Life and Career: Where was Neil Armstrong born and what was his job before he became a famous astronaut? (2 marks)

2. The Mission: Which spacecraft took Neil Armstrong to the Moon, and who were the other crew members on the mission? (2 marks)

3. The Moon Landing: Describe what happened on 20 July 1969. What was the first thing Neil Armstrong said when he stepped onto the surface? (3 marks)

4. The Impact: Why do you think Neil Armstrong's achievement is still remembered and celebrated by people all over the world today? (3 marks)

5. Historical Context: What was the 'Space Race' and why were countries competing to reach the Moon during this time? (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are Ellie the elephant. Using your incredible memory, write a short diary entry from the perspective of someone watching the Moon landing on television for the very first time in 1969. How did it feel to see a human walk on the Moon?