

Mission to the Moon: Neil Armstrong's Journey

Learning objective: To understand the significance of the Apollo 11 mission and the historical impact of the first moon landing.

Follow the sequence of events in the Apollo 11 mission. Using the terms from the word bank, complete the 'Mission Log' by placing the correct event in chronological order. Then, use your historical enquiry skills to answer the deeper questions about the impact of this achievement.

Word bank: Saturn V rocket · Eagle · Tranquility Base · The Moon · Apollo 11 · Neil Armstrong · Buzz Aldrin

1. The mission began when the _____ launched from Earth, carrying the crew into space. (1 mark)

2. The lunar module, named the _____, touched down on the surface at a site they called _____. (2 marks)

3. Explain why the Moon landing is considered a significant turning point in human history. How did this event change our understanding of space travel? (3 marks)

4. Compare and contrast the technology available in 1969 to the technology we have today. What might have been the biggest challenge for the crew during their journey? (3 marks)

5. Justify your answer: If you were tasked with selecting a crew for a mission to Mars today, what character traits should those explorers possess and why? (3 marks)

6. What might happen if the Apollo 11 mission had been unsuccessful? Discuss the potential impact on future space exploration programmes. (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a detailed diagram of the Moon's surface. Include the Lunar Module, the American flag, and the footprints left behind by the astronauts. Label your drawing with the names of the tools you think the astronauts needed to collect rock samples.



Extension challenge: Nova the Owl is fascinated by the stars! Imagine you are a journalist in 1969. Write a short, persuasive newspaper headline and the opening paragraph for an article announcing that humans have finally stepped onto the lunar surface. Use evocative and exciting vocabulary to capture the mood of the world at that moment.