

A Giant Leap for History: Neil Armstrong

Learning objective: To understand the significance of the 1969 Apollo 11 moon landing and identify key features of space exploration equipment.

Use the drawing prompt to create a detailed historical scene. Once your drawing is complete, use the word bank to label your work accurately.

Draw: Draw a scene depicting Neil Armstrong standing on the dusty, cratered surface of the Moon. In the background, draw the Lunar Module with its golden foil covering. Ensure the astronaut is wearing a detailed spacesuit with a reflective visor. Use a charcoal or grey pencil style to capture the desolate, rocky texture of the lunar landscape, and include the Earth as a small, bright blue marble visible in the dark space above.



Label words: Lunar Module · Visor · Apollo 11 · Sea of Tranquility · Lunar Surface · Life Support Backpack

Steps:

1. Explain why Neil Armstrong's first step on the Moon in 1969 is considered a significant turning point in human history.
2. Label your drawing to show the Life Support Backpack. Why was this piece of equipment essential for astronauts?
3. Compare and contrast the challenges Neil Armstrong faced on the Moon with the challenges faced by

explorers on Earth today.

4. Justify your answer: If you were part of the Apollo 11 mission, what is one item you would have chosen to bring to the Moon and why?

5. What might happen if the Lunar Module had failed to land safely on the surface? Discuss the implications for the space programme.

6. Identify one way in which space exploration technology from the 1960s has influenced the technology we use in our daily lives now.