

Social Studies / History Challenge: The First Moon Landing

Learning objective: To understand the significance of the 1969 Apollo 11 mission and identify key facts about Neil Armstrong's role in space exploration.

Use your historical knowledge to answer the following questions about the first human moon landing. Write your answers clearly in the spaces provided.

Nova the owl is fascinated by the night sky. She has been reading about the historic mission in 1969 when humans first stepped onto the surface of the Moon. Neil Armstrong was the commander of the mission, and his famous first steps changed how we view our place in the universe forever.

Word bank: Apollo 11 · Eagle · 1969 · NASA · Sea of Tranquility · Astronaut · Lunar Module

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

2. What was the name of the lunar module that carried Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin to the Moon's surface? (1 mark)

3. Explain why Neil Armstrong's achievement is considered a 'significant turning point' in human history. (3 marks)

4. If a replica space helmet costs £45.00 and a model of the Eagle lander costs £22.50, how much would it cost for Nova to buy both items for her history display? (2 marks)

5. Describe one challenge or danger the astronauts might have faced while travelling through space to reach the Moon. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of the Eagle lunar module landing on the Moon's surface. Include details like the craters and the Earth visible in the dark sky above.



Extension challenge: Research one other astronaut who was part of the Apollo 11 crew. Write three facts about their life or their specific job during the mission.