Social Studies / History Assessment: The Moon Landing

Learning objective: To demonstrate knowledge and understanding of Neil Armstrong and the Apollo 11 mission.

Read each question carefully. Use your best handwriting and check your answers before finishing.

In 1969, a brave pilot named Neil Armstrong made history. He was the commander of the Apollo 11 mission. Along with Buzz Aldrin and Michael Collins, he travelled over 200,000 miles to reach the Moon. When the lunar module, called the 'Eagle', landed, Neil Armstrong became the first human to ever walk on the lunar surface. He famously said, 'That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind.'

Word bank: Apollo 11 · Astronaut · Spacecraft · Moon · 1969 · Eagle · Gravity · NASA

1. In what year did the Apollo 11 mission take place? (1 mark)

2. What was the name of the lunar module that landed on the Moon? (1 mark)

3. List two jobs or roles that Neil Armstrong had during his life. (2 marks)

4. Why was the mission of Apollo 11 considered a 'giant leap for mankind'? Explain your reasoning. (3 marks)

5. Describe two challenges an astronaut might face while living and working in space. (4 marks)

6. If you were going to the Moon like Neil Armstrong, what are three items you would pack to take with you and why? Explain your choices. (4 marks)

7. Imagine you are a reporter in 1969. Write a short newspaper report (about 5-8 sentences) describing the moment Neil Armstrong stepped onto the Moon. Include how people might have felt watching this on their televisions. (10 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of the Eagle lunar module landing on the Moon, including Neil Armstrong taking his first step.

Extension challenge: Nova the owl is planning a trip to the stars! If a space suit costs £500 and a helmet costs £250, how much would it cost for Nova to buy both? Total: /25