Blast Off with Neil Armstrong: A Space Social Studies / History Quiz

Learning objective: To recall and understand key facts about Neil Armstrong and the first moon landing in 1969.

Join Nova the owl on a journey through history! Read the questions carefully and use your knowledge of the first moon landing to answer them. Good luck, young explorers!

Answer Key: 1. A (1969), 2. True, 3. B (Apollo 11), 4. False, 5. Eagle, 6. C (The Moon), 7. True, 8. B (Neil Armstrong), 9. 12, 10. True. Neil Armstrong was the first human to step on the Moon on 20 July 1969 during the Apollo 11 mission.

Word bank: Apollo 11 · 1969 · Moon · Eagle · Astronaut · NASA · Space suit

1. In what year did Neil Armstrong first walk on the moon? A) 1959 B) 1969* C) 1979 D) 1989 (1 mark)

2. True or False: Neil Armstrong was a trained pilot before becoming an astronaut. (1 mark)

3. What was the name of the mission that took the first humans to the moon? A) Space Walk B) Apollo 11* C) Moon Mission D) Star Trek (1 mark)

4. True or False: Neil Armstrong travelled to the moon alone. (1 mark)

5. What was the name of the lunar module that landed on the moon's surface? (One word answer) (1 mark)

6. Where did Neil Armstrong take his famous 'small step'? A) Mars B) The Sun C) The Moon* D) The International Space Station (1 mark)

7. True or False: Neil Armstrong had to wear a special pressure suit to survive on the moon. (1 mark)

8. Who was the first person to set foot on the moon? A) Buzz Aldrin B) Neil Armstrong* C) Michael Collins D) Yuri Gagarin (1 mark)

9. How many astronauts have walked on the moon in total? (Hint: It is one dozen) (1 mark)

10. True or False: Neil Armstrong was born in the United States of America. (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a picture of Neil Armstrong standing on the moon's surface next to the lunar module. Don't forget to draw the Earth shining brightly in the dark sky above him!

Extension challenge: Imagine you are an astronaut heading to the moon. Write three things you would pack in your space kit and explain why they would be important for your mission.