Moon Mission: The Neil Armstrong Fact-File

Learning objective: To recall, identify, and explain key historical facts about Neil Armstrong and the Apollo 11 moon landing.

Use your research skills to complete this fact-file about Neil Armstrong. Think like Ellie the elephant—remember the important details and check your dates carefully. You may use your history textbook or a library book to help you find the answers.

Word bank: Apollo 11 · NASA · Lunar Module · 1969 · The Eagle · Space Race · Astronaut · Gravity

1. Early Life and Background: Where was Neil Armstrong born and what was he interested in as a young child before he became a pilot? (2 marks)

2. The Apollo 11 Mission: In what year did the moon landing take place and what was the name of the spacecraft that carried the crew? (2 marks)

3. The Moon Walk: Describe what it was like for Neil Armstrong when he first stepped onto the surface of the moon. (3 marks)

4. Historical Impact: Why was the moon landing considered such a significant event for the whole world at that time? (3 marks)

5. Reflection: If you had been there in 1969 watching the television broadcast, what is one question you would have wanted to ask Neil Armstrong? (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are a reporter in 1969. Write a short, exciting newspaper headline and a one-sentence summary to announce that Neil Armstrong has successfully walked on the moon.