Neil Armstrong: The First Footprint

Blast off into history! Explore the life and legacy of the man who first walked on the Moon.

- **Neil Armstrong was born in Ohio, USA, in 1930 and served as a naval aviator before joining the space program.**
- **As the commander of the Apollo 11 mission, he successfully landed the Lunar Module, named 'The Eagle', on the Moon’s surface on 20 July 1969.**
- **Upon stepping onto the Moon, he famously declared: 'That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind.'**
- **His historic walk lasted for approximately two and a half hours, during which he collected lunar samples and conducted experiments.**
- **The success of the moon landing effectively marked a major milestone in the 'Space Race' between the United States and the Soviet Union.**
- **Ellie the elephant remembers this as a monumental moment for humanity, proving that with careful preparation and bravery, we can reach new frontiers.**

Did you know? Did you know? When Neil Armstrong stepped onto the lunar surface, he carried a small piece of wood and fabric from the 1903 Wright Flyer—the first aeroplane to make a powered, controlled flight—to honor the history of human aviation!

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