

Topic: A History of Space Travel (Moon Landing)

Year: 1

Strand: Events beyond living memory

What should I already know?







- Things happened before I was born.
- Things happened before my parents and grandparents were born.
- Life is different now to how it was when my grandparents were children.
- What the moon is.

Why was the Apollo 11 moon landing so important?

- **Before** the Apollo 11 **flight mission**, people had been in **space** as part of the **Space Race** but had not yet been to the moon.
- This was to be the next step in **space travel**
- On July 16th 1969, Saturn 5, was **launched**. There were three American **astronauts** on board; Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin and Michael Collins.
- It took four days to reach the moon.
- Neil Armstrong was the first man on the moon - 19 minutes **after** Buzz Aldrin joined him.
- They **gathered** moon dirt and rocks to bring back to Earth.
- They also took photographs to show what the moon was like.
- The moon landing was important because it told us that people could **travel** there and back safely. It would also help us find out more about **space** and the moon.
- Neil Armstrong **famously** said, "One small step for man, one giant step for mankind."



Space Travel timeline

1947	First animals sent to space . They were fruit flies sent on some corn.
1949	The first monkey is sent to space .
1955	The Space Race begins between Russia and America
1957	The first animal goes around the Earth in space . It is a dog named Laika.
1961	First man in space 
1963	First woman in space 
1969	Moon Landing. Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin become the first people to walk on the moon. The first words they said were, "The Eagle has landed."
1991	Helen Sharman becomes the first British astronaut in space . 
2001	First space tourist
2015	Scientists find evidence of water on Mars 
2015	Tim Peake became the first British astronaut to visit the International Space Station .  

Vocabulary

after	later in time than, or behind in order
astronaut	a person trained to take part in space flight
before	at an earlier time; in the past
evidence	something that gives proof
famous	recognised or liked by the public.
flight	an act of passing through air or space by flying
gather	collect things together
history	everything that has happened in the past to people or things
launch	to put in motion
mission	a particular task or duty
scientist	someone who has studied science and whose job is to teach or do research in science
space	the area that contains the entire universe beyond the earth
Space Race	competition between the United States and the Soviet Union (Russia) to be the first to reach space
tourist	a person who is visiting a place for pleasure and interest
travel	when you go from one place to another, often to a place that is far away.

Historical Skills and Enquiry

- Place key events in the history of space travel on a timeline.
- Compare this timeline to the timeline of your family - where do key events in your family's life cross over with key events in space travel?
- Choose two **astronauts** to compare. Where are they from? What were their achievements? What are their similarities and differences?
- Explain what caused the 1969 Moon Landing.
- Explain what effects the 1969 Moon Landing had on history.
- Use words such as **before**, **after**, **past**, **present**, **then** and **now** to describe the history of space travel.

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Question 1: The first man went in to space _____ you were born.	Start of unit:	End of unit:	Question 2: Things that happen in the past are part of:	Start of unit:	End of unit:
before			the future		
after			the present		
			now		
			history		

Question 3: Place these things in the order in which they happened. Use the numbers 1-3.	Start of unit:	End of unit:
Neil Armstrong was born.		
You were born.		
Neil Armstrong became the first man on the moon.		

Question 4: Write one fact about the 1969 Moon Landing.	Start of unit:	End of unit:

Question 5: The 1969 Moon Landing was important because...	Start of unit:	End of unit: