



The Moon Landing



The Moon Landing in 1969 is an historic event which captivated the world and helped people look to the future.

Key Knowledge

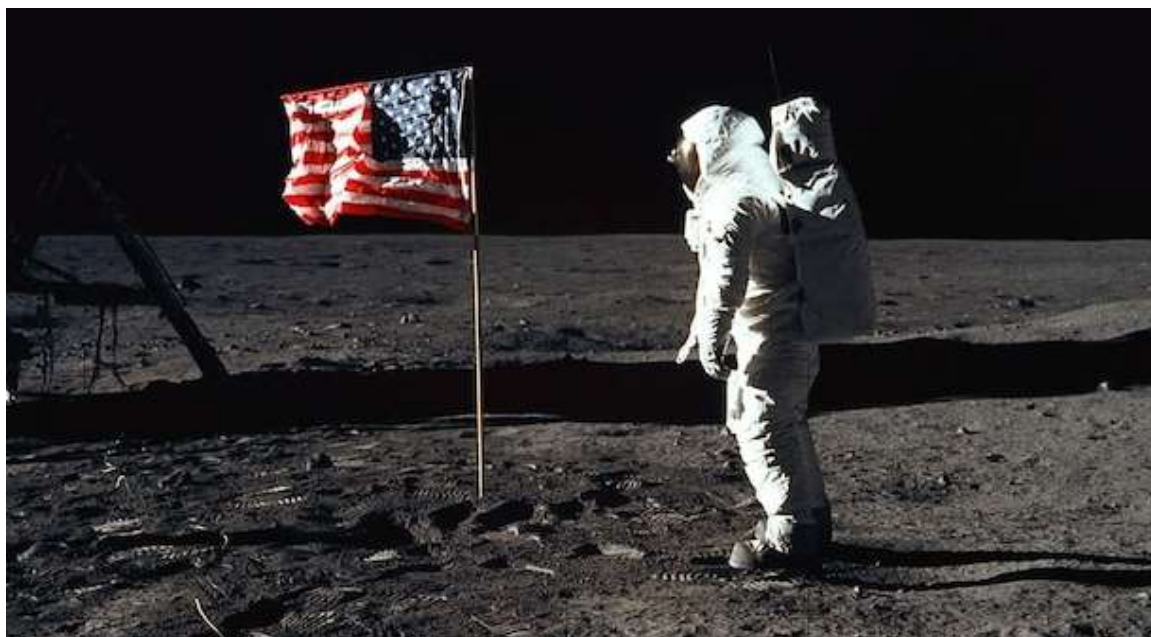
On July 20, 1969, millions of people gathered around their televisions to watch two U.S. astronauts do something no one had ever done before. Wearing bulky space suits and backpacks of oxygen to breathe, Neil Armstrong and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin became the first human beings to walk on the moon.

After the two stepped onto the lunar surface, Armstrong proclaimed these famous words: "That's one small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind."

NASA officials selected Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin, and Michael Collins as the astronauts who would make the historic trip from Earth on Apollo 11. Just four days after launching from Kennedy Space Center in Florida, the spacecraft neared the moon's surface.

Key Vocabulary

Apollo 11	The first successful mission to the moon.
astronaut	A person who is trained to travel in a spacecraft.
Kennedy Space Center	It is in Florida, USA. It was the place where Apollo 11 set off from.
launch	When the spacecraft takes off.
lunar	Relating to the moon.
moon	The Moon is a large natural object that orbits, or travels around, Earth.
spacecraft	A vehicle used for travelling in space.
space suit	Clothes that an astronaut needs to wear to keep them alive in space.





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