

Apollo 11: The First Moonwalk

On May 25, 1961, President John F. Kennedy set an extraordinary goal. He promised that the United States of America would land astronauts on the Moon and bring them home again before 1970. The National Aeronautics and Space Administration, also known as NASA, created the Apollo program to achieve this goal.



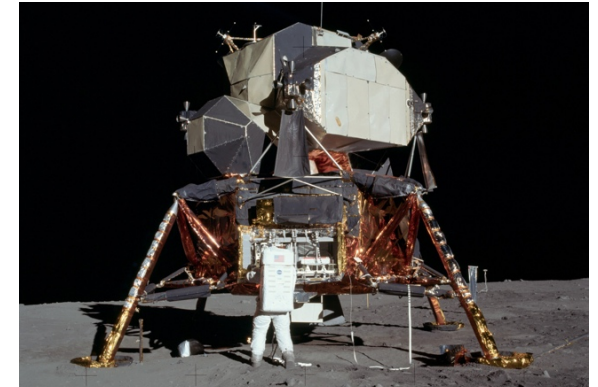
*The crew of the Apollo 11 mission.
From left to right: Neil Armstrong,
Michael Collins, and Buzz Aldrin.*

The three astronauts chosen to make the trip to the Moon were Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin, and Michael Collins. All three of them were already expert pilots, which made them ideal choices to fly to the Moon. The three astronauts went through many hours of training and tests to make sure they would be ready for anything.

Finally, on July 16, 1969, they were ready for takeoff. The crew blasted off in a Saturn V rocket launched from the Kennedy Space Center in Florida.

It took them four days to make it to the Moon. Collins stayed in the Columbia command and service module, which would remain in orbit around the Moon, while Armstrong and Aldrin boarded the Eagle lunar module, which would touch down on the lunar surface. Neil Armstrong was the first to disembark the Eagle after they safely landed. As he set foot on the Moon, he said the now-famous words, "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind." More than six hundred million people watched his first steps on the Moon live on television.

For the next few hours, Armstrong and Aldrin took photos, collected 50 pounds of samples of rocks and dust, conducted scientific experiments, and planted an American flag on the surface of the Moon. After they finished their work, they boarded the Eagle lander,



Neil Armstrong took this photo of Buzz Aldrin preparing an experiment next to the Eagle lander.

reconnected with Columbia, and began their return journey home.

When the three astronauts made it back to Earth, they were celebrated as heroes. Their achievements proved that humanity could accomplish anything and paved the way for future space exploration.



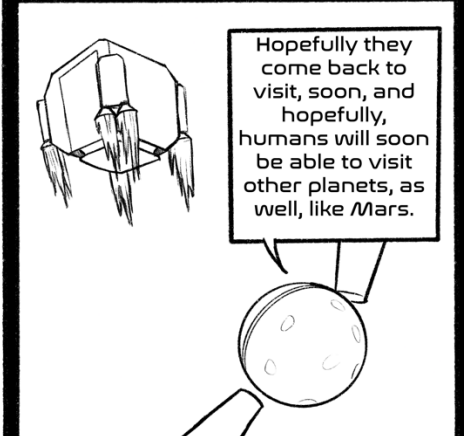
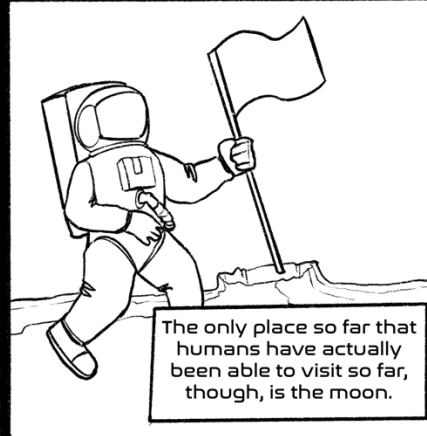
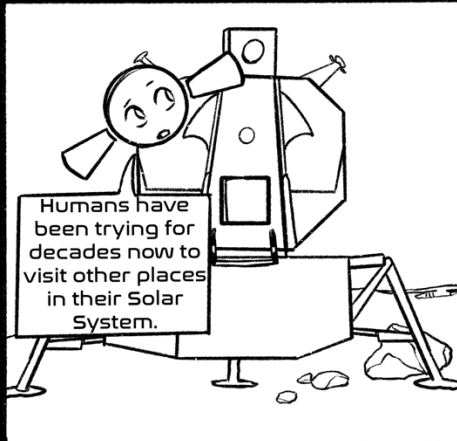
Buzz Aldrin took this photo of a boot print in lunar soil. It is still there today because there's no air or wind on the Moon to disturb it.

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The First Moonwalk

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Find the following words in the puzzle:

Aldrin Apollo Armstrong Astronaut Collins Eagle
Explore Lander Moon NASA Rocket Space

If I was an astronaut ...

Draw your face inside the space helmet. Then add a background showing where you would go if you became an astronaut!

