



The First Moon Landing



What?

Armstrong was the first person to walk on the moon.

He was **commander** of the Apollo 11 spaceflight that first landed humans on the moon. The other crew members were Buzz Aldrin and Michael Collins.

Where and when?

The moon landing took place on 20th July, 1969.

The astronauts landed on a part of the **lunar** surface known as the Sea of Tranquility. (It was really a flat and dusty area, nothing like one of our seas on Earth).

Who?

Name: Neil Armstrong, an American **astronaut** who worked for NASA.

Born: 5th August 1930

Died: 25th August 2012

Age: 82 years old

Why and how?

During **the Space Race**, the **Americans** competed with the **Russians** to be the first nation to put a man on the moon.

The Russians had been the first to put a man in space (Yuri Gagarin) and the first to put a woman in space (Valentina Tereshkova).



The Eagle has landed.

Key vocabulary

Space race	nation
astronaut	lunar
mission	American
commander	Russian

Timeline

The 1960's (mid-20th Century)

1958 1959 1960 1961 1962 1963 1964 1965 1966 1967 1968 **1969** 1970 1971 1972 1973