



1969: One Giant Leap for Mankind

Apollo 11 was the spaceship that carried astronauts Neil Armstrong, Edwin “Buzz” Aldrin and Michael Collins on a mission to the Moon. On July 16, 1969, Apollo 11 took off from Cape Kennedy in Florida, United States.

On July 19, the crew of Apollo 11 passed behind the Moon and entered lunar orbit. During a TV transmission, the crew described the beautiful sight of the Earth from space: “The view of the moon is really spectacular,” Armstrong said.

On July 20, Armstrong and Aldrin boarded the lunar module Eagle, a small craft designed to land on the Moon. The Eagle separated from the main ship and landed on the Moon in an area called the Sea of Tranquility. Armstrong said: “The Eagle has landed.”

Four hours later, Armstrong came out of the Eagle and installed a TV camera. The camera transmitted the moon walk to Earth. Armstrong stepped onto the Moon and spoke to millions of television viewers around the world: “That’s one small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind.”

On the Moon’s surface, Armstrong and Aldrin took many photos and gathered 23 kilos of moon rocks. “Buzz” Aldrin described the view from the Moon as a “magnificent calmness.”

On July 24, the astronauts splashed down in the Pacific Ocean, close to the recovery ship Hornet.

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1. Read the historical text about Apollo 11 and complete the sentences. Then explore the text and indicate in which paragraph the information appears.

A. The mission of Apollo 11 was...

_____ Paragraph: _____

B. The names of the astronauts were...

_____ Paragraph: _____

C. On July 20, Armstrong was the first man to...

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D. After stepping onto the Moon, Armstrong...

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