

The First Moon Walk

Pre-reading

Questions:

- What do you know about this topic?
- What more would you like to know?

Definitions:

- NASA – National Aeronautics and Space Administration
- Astronaut – a person trained to travel into outer space
- Orbit – the circular path of a spacecraft around another body



NASA photo

Reading

14 The year was 1961. John F. Kennedy was the President of the United States.
31 He wanted to put a man on the Moon. The President and NASA knew it could be
done. They were ready to put a man on the Moon.

42 Apollo 11 blasted off on July 16, 1969. Neil Armstrong, Edwin “Buzz”
54 Aldrin and Michael Collins were the astronauts on board. Four days later,
66 Armstrong and Aldrin landed on the Moon.

73 They went down to the Moon on the Lunar Module. It was called the Eagle.
88 Collins stayed in orbit. He did experiments and took pictures.

98 On July 20, Neil Armstrong became the first man to set foot on the Moon. He
114 and Aldrin walked for three hours. They did experiments and picked up bits of
128 Moon dirt and rocks.

132 The two men put a U.S. flag on the moon. They also left a sign that says,
149 “Here men from the planet Earth first set foot upon the Moon, July, 1969. We came
165 in peace for all mankind.”

170 On July 24, the team of astronauts came back to Earth safely. President
183 Kennedy’s wish came true. It took less than 10 years. Man had walked on the
198 moon.

Understanding

1. Which President had the vision to put a man on the moon? _____

2. What rocket took the team into space? _____

3. Who was the first man to walk on the moon? _____

4. Who was the second man to walk on the moon? _____

5. What did they do on the moon? _____

6. When did the first moon walk take place? _____

Writing

Choice A: Retell the story in your own words.

Choice B: If given the chance, would you travel to the moon or outer space? Why or why not?

Choice C: Do you know of any other famous space missions? If so, what are they? How did you learn about them?
