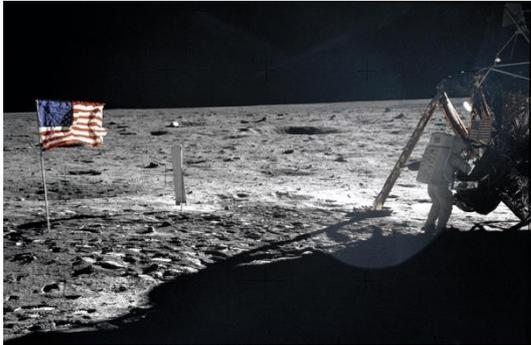


Apollo 11... They Did it!



The Lunar module - "Eagle" with Armstrong on the Sea of Tranquility.

- **"The Eagle has landed"**

Finally, we have entered a new era in history. Apollo 11 safely landed on the moon fulfilling a national goal set back on May 25th 1961 by President John F Kennedy. The purpose of the mission was to safely perform a crewed Luna landing and return to Earth.



The Apollo 11 Crew.

Astronauts Neil A Armstrong, Michael Collins and Edwin E Aldrin Jr (Buzz) travelled a quarter of a million miles across space into orbit at a speed of 17000 mph. There

three-day journey involved completing checklists, navigation, observation and housekeeping duties.

On July 20th, Armstrong and Aldrin entered the Lunar module nicknamed the "Eagle" and separated from the command module - "the Columbia". During a tense and cautious time, they touchdown on the moons 'Sea of Tranquility', informing Houston at 4:17pm, "the Eagle has landed".

At 11:56pm Armstrong was the first man ever to walk on the moon saying, "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind," as he tentatively walked on the moon's surface. Buzz became the second man to set foot on the moon, saying "Beautiful view. Magnificent desolation." Armstrong said, "the spacecraft cast a long shadow across the dust of centuries." As he stepped cautiously onto the unknown surface he looked at the stark lonely landscape which was an airless, cloudless satellite of Earth.

During their 21.5-hour visit they collected data, performed experiments and took photos. Both astronauts collected 22kg of sand and rock samples from the moon in order to take back

to Earth for analysis. While Armstrong and Buzz were walking on the moons surface, Collins remained in the command module, 'Columbia' and continued to circle the moon until July 21st.

Not only did they leave their footprints as there is no wind or rain but they left the American flag and medals honoring American and Soviet spaceman who had previously lost their lives. They also left a disc carrying messages of good will from 73 nations on Earth.



Apollo 11 splash down into the Pacific.

The crew splashed down in the Pacific Ocean at 12:50pm on July 24th - hailing a successful mission!