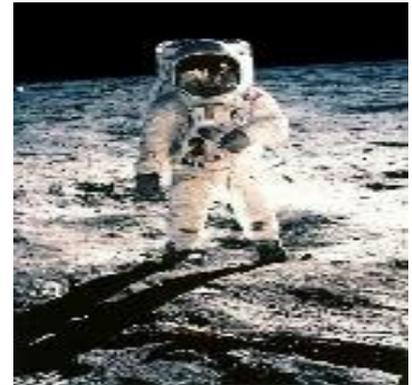


Neil Armstrong By Kiera

On July 20th 1969, Neil Armstrong, who was an American astronaut, stepped out of the lunar module. He was the first person to step on the Moon. Neil spoke these words to more than a billion people “That’s one small step for man, that’s one giant leap for mankind.”



Childhood

Neil Armstrong was born on August 5th 1930 in Ohio (Wapakoneta). He was the eldest of 3 children. Neil was interested in planes by his first plane ride (At the age of 6). His first school was Gates elementary. Then went to Blooms High school. At the age of 14 he started flying lessons. When he was 16 (2 years later) he earned his pilot licence.

Training

In 1947 Neil studied Aeronautics engineering (plane engineering) however his studies were interrupted in 1949 -2 years later- to join the Korean War. After doing 78 combat missions (3 years later) he joined the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics (NACA). NACA later changed the name to National Aeronautics and Space Administration.



Apollo 11 Mission

Neil Armstrong was about to face his most biggest and life changing challenge. This was a manned mission. He was chosen commander of Apollo 11. In July 16th, 1969 Armstrong, with Collin and Edwin. E (Buzz) Aldrin, had a successful lift off. In July 20th 1969 Armstrong and his crew arrived at the Moon’s surface. As Neil exited the lunar module –the Eagle- he said “That’s one small step for man, that’s one giant leap for mankind.”

Life After Apollo 11 Mission

As Armstrong and his crew returned to Earth in July 24th 1969. Neil and the crew were picked up by the U.S.S. Hornet. He still remained with NASA as deputy associate until 1982. His rewards were the Medal of Freedom and the space medal of honour. Sadly Neil died on August 25th 2012.

Armstrong will be remembered for his amazing success to be the first person to land on the Moon.

