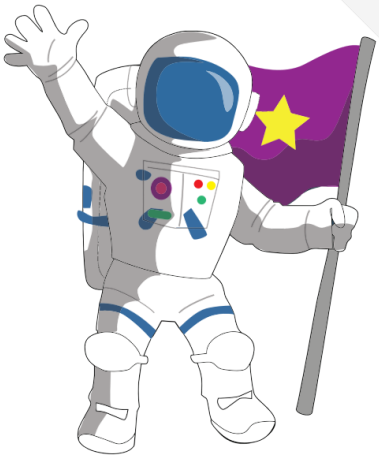
One Small Step: The Story of the First Person on the Moon

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On July 20th, 1969, something remarkable happened - the first human being stepped onto the surface of the moon. His name was Neil Armstrong, and his journey to the moon began many years before that historic moment.

Armstrong was born in 1930 in Wapakoneta, Ohio, and from a young age, he was interested in flight. He learned to fly when he was just 16 years old and joined the Navy a few years later, where he became a pilot.

After leaving the Navy, Armstrong became a test pilot for the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics (NACA), which later became NASA. He flew many experimental planes and helped test new technologies that would eventually be used in spaceflight.

In 1962, Armstrong was selected as an astronaut for the Gemini program, which was designed to test the skills and equipment needed for spaceflight. He flew two missions, Gemini 8 and Gemini 11, and showed himself to be a skilled pilot and engineer.

But Armstrong's biggest moment came in 1969, when he was chosen to be the commander of the Apollo 11 mission, which would be the first manned mission to land on the moon. Along with fellow astronauts Buzz Aldrin and Michael Collins, Armstrong began training for the mission.

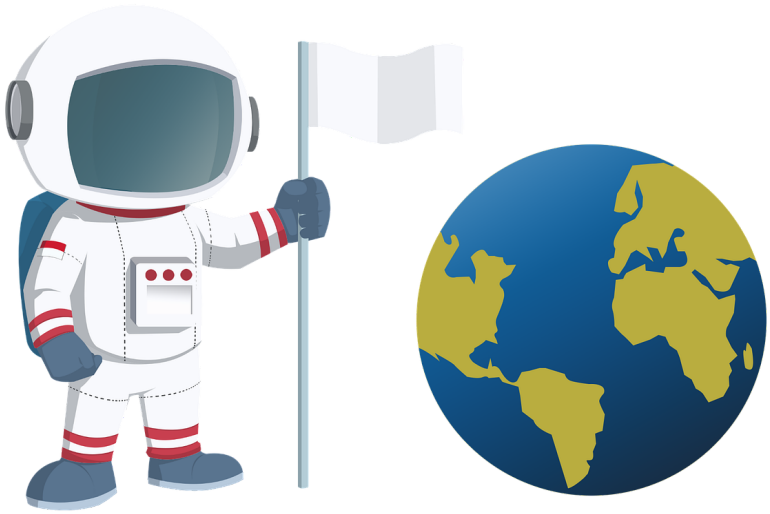
On July 16th, 1969, the three astronauts launched from Earth and began their journey to the moon. Four days later, the lunar module, called the Eagle, separated from the command module and began its descent to the moon's surface.

As the Eagle approached the surface, Armstrong realized that the planned landing site was too rocky and bumpy. He took manual control of the module and guided it to a safe landing spot with just seconds of fuel to spare. Armstrong then stepped out of the module and became the first human being to set foot on the moon.

Armstrong's famous words, "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind," will always be remembered as a milestone in human history. He and Aldrin spent several hours exploring the moon's surface, taking photographs and collecting samples.

After returning to Earth, Armstrong was hailed as a hero and received numerous honors and awards. He continued to work for NASA and later became a professor of aerospace engineering. His legacy will

always be remembered as one of bravery, skill, and determination, as he helped pave the way for future space exploration.



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