



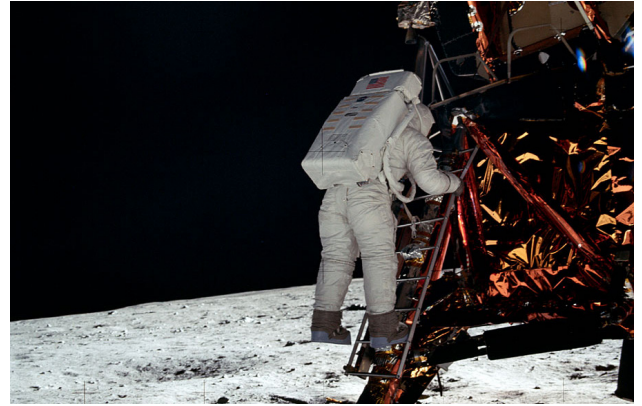
ORAL HISTORY ACTIVITY:

*Interview someone who remembers
the Apollo 11 Moon landing*

<http://www.ncsciencefestival.org/starparty/>

July 20, 1969. The day that humankind first walked on the Moon. Many people remember the Apollo 11 Moon landing—their thoughts and feelings about it, where they were and who they were with, and how it influenced their perception of the world.

Find someone who was born before July 1969 – perhaps a parent, grandparent, friend, or neighbor – and ask them about their experiences with the Moon landing and other memories of that summer. Use the suggested tips and questions below to guide your interview. If you like, you can record your interview and add it to a collection of interviews about the historic Moon landing.



Credit: NASA

INTERVIEW TIPS

Adapted from Southern Oral History Program, Center for the Study of the American South, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, <https://sohp.org/>

1. Choose a quiet place. Properly position your microphone if using one.
2. Ask one question at a time. State your questions as directly as possible.
3. Ask open-ended questions—questions that begin with “why, how, where, what kind of,” etc. Avoid leading questions.
4. Understand that periods of silence will occur. These are useful periods of reflection and recollection for your interviewee.
5. Be respectful of the interviewee. Avoid interrupting. Use body language to show you are interested in what they have to say. Remember, the interviewee is giving you the gift of their memories and experiences. Thank them once the interview is over.
6. Don’t use the interview to show off your knowledge, charm, or other attributes. Remember, “good interviewers never shine—only their interviews do.”

QUESTIONS YOU MIGHT ASK

Adapted from <https://moon-landing.org/storycorps>

- Explain who you were in July 1969:
 - How old were you?
 - Where were you living?
 - What were you doing?
 - What was happening around you?
- Did you watch the Moon landing on July 20, 1969?
 - Where were you?
 - Who were you with?
 - What did the Moon landing mean to you?

SHARE YOUR INTERVIEW

If you would like to share your interview with the public as part of the Moon Landing in Context project, you can record it using the StoryCorps app:

<https://moon-landing.org/storycorps/>

Be sure to get permission from your interviewee first. Include “North Carolina Science Festival” and “Statewide Star Party” in your Keywords when you save your interview. We can’t wait to hear all of your interviews!



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