



Key Vocabulary

Eagle	The Lunar Module containing Armstrong and Aldrin. Used to travel on the Moon's surface from the main space craft.
Astronaut	A person who is trained to travel in a spacecraft.
Mission	An important assignment given to a person or group of people, typically involving travel.
Pilot	A person who operates the flying controls of an aircraft.
Apollo 11	The space vehicle that carried three American astronauts to the moon and back in July 1969.
Orbit	The curved path of a celestial object or spacecraft round a star, planet, or moon.
Significant	Sufficiently great or important to be worthy of attention or noteworthy.
Past	Gone by in time and no longer existing
Present	Existing or occurring now.

The race for space!

The Soviet Union and the USA worked hard to send the first human into space. The Soviet Union won the race by sending Yuri Gagarin into space. He became the first person to orbit the Earth. However, the USA were first to send a human to the Moon.



Neil Armstrong

A US astronaut. The first man to step on the moon. Gathered samples. Commander. Lunar Module Pilot.

Time line from the mission when the President John F Kennedy proposed the idea of sending a man to the moon.

July 16th, 1969	July 18th, 1969	21st July 1969	24th July 1969
Apollo 11 launched.	Put on their spacesuit and travelled in the lunar module, Eagle.	Made their journey back to Earth.	Returned to Earth. Splashing down on the Pacific Ocean.

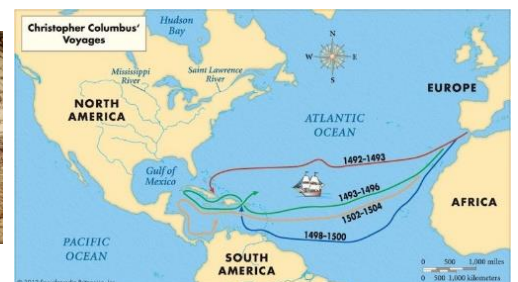
Christopher Columbus

Christopher Columbus (c.1451-1506) was an Italian explorer who is famous for his voyages across the Atlantic Ocean to the Americas. He was the first European to set foot on the South American mainland. Many people mistakenly think that Columbus discovered America. An estimated 100 million indigenous people lived there already. Many people at the time believed that the world was flat. Columbus aimed to prove that Earth was Round.



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Explorer	A person who explores a new or unfamiliar area.
Sea-faring	The practice of regularly travelling by sea.
Voyage	A long journey involving travel by sea or in space.
Discover	To find something unexpectedly or during a search.



First Voyage 1492

On his first voyage, he had 104 men. He was looking for Asia, which he thought he found when they reached land. He had reached the present day Bahamas. On the same trip, he also found Cuba and Hispaniola.

Second Voyage 1493-96

On the second voyage, Columbus took around 1200 men. He discovered Dominica, Guadeloupe and Jamaica. He set sail back for Spain, and reached Cadiz after 5 months.

Third Voyage 1498-1500

On his third trip, he reached the island of Trinidad, and finally the South American mainland.

Fourth Voyage 1502-1504

His final voyage took him as far as Central America. He reached Panama, and he is believed to have found a small amount of gold there. However, the local people forced him out of the area. He sailed back to Spain in 1504.