

The Moon Poetry

I gaze upon the blackened night,
Enthralled by the lovely sight.
 I see the outline from the moon,
 The first star will be out soon.

I wish I may and I wish I might
 Get the wish I wish tonight.
 White against the darkest sky
 To the moon one day I'll fly.

Is the moon a **vacant** rock?
 Or will I find someone to talk?
 Are there aliens in outer space?
 Will I scream if I see their face?

I'll take the risk, I do not dare.
 To the moon without a care.
 It's a place full of mystery,
 Ancient with a lot of history.

To learn all I can about outer space
 I have to leave the human race.
 I'll become an **outcast** of my own kind
 Just to see what I might find.

Goodbye Earth and all its pleasures.
 Its time I took some **drastic** measures.
 I'll build a spaceship with little ease.
 I have to know if the moon is cheese.

This is my wish and I wish with **glee**
 That all my wishes might come true for me.

The Moon Poetry - Comprehension

- What is one from the narrator's point of view?
 - A) None
 - B) The moon
 - C) The sun
 - D) Earth
- Why is the moon such a mouthful?
 - A) It is ancient
 - B) Nobody has been there before
 - C) It is very dark
 - D) Mysterious things happen there
- What does the narrator wonder about the moon?
 - A) If it is for her
 - B) If there is gravity
 - C) If it is bright
 - D) If there are aliens
- What rhyming pattern does the poem have?
 - A) AAB
 - B) AACA
 - C) ABA
 - D) AABA

- What drastic measure do you think the narrator is going to take?

- Why will the narrator be an outcast?

The Moon Nonfiction - Vocabulary

MATCHING - Draw a line to match the vocabulary word with its definition. See the context clues in the text for help.

enthrall	to look on with interest or admiration
vacant	deserted or empty
outcast	A strong feeling of happiness
drastic	to look on with interest or admiration
glee	deserted or empty

CLUES - Fill in the blank with the correct vocabulary word.

enthrall	vacant	outcast	drastic	glee
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- She felt like the _____ of the group because she was not asked to play.
- James could not contain his _____ over his victory.
- The _____ feeling of didn't have any reason.
- Michelle was _____ by what was on TV.
- There was a _____ improvement in my test scores.

The Moon Poetry - Read Closely and Critically

Determine the author's purpose for writing the poem.

- The narrator makes wishes in the poem. What do you think the narrator is writing for?

- In stanza 3, the author wrote, "white against the darkest sky." What is she referring to?

- What can you use to describe the personality of the narrator? Support.

- Each stanza has four lines except the last stanza. Why do you think the author did that?

Candy Sweet Poetry - Graphic Organizer

Choose three phrases from the poem and tell what sense it appeals to (sight, hearing, touch, smell, taste). Then describe how it appeals to that sense.

Phrase	Sense	Description
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

A New Day

Fiction

I had waited for this day for a very long time. I had spent many years studying and working hard, all for this moment. I checked my suit. It passed my inspection. I checked my co-pilot's suit. It too passed. Next, we checked our control board. All data looked good and all circuits were in perfect working conditions.

"Ready?" I smiled at Dan, my co-pilot, and gave him the thumbs up. With his nod, I helped him pull up his pressure helmet then locked it into place. He reached over to help with mine, but I already had it locked and ready to go. It was time.

We pushed open the space shuttle hatch. It wasn't easy to **maneuver** in our space suits, but we had spent months practicing. Back on earth we worked in a special room that had no gravity. At first it wasn't easy. Gravity is important. It's what keeps our feet on the ground, but we learned how to work without gravity. Now that the mission had begun, we needed our training more than ever.

My first step onto the moon's surface made my eyes water. I blinked back my emotion. Astronauts had no time for tears. I was there to do a job, but it was hard not to feel somewhat **overwhelmed**. Ever since I was a small child, I had dreamed of going to the moon. Now, twenty years later, I was there. In that moment I felt like a child again.

My boots were heavy. They had to be to keep me on the moon's surface. Each step was **labored**. I trudged forward, taking in all the details. I had seen pictures of the moon, so I knew what to expect, but pictures never really prepare you. Dan and I made steady progress across the moon's surface. Each step I took I thought of the others that had gone before me. I was once more astounded that after so many years without anyone going to the moon, here I was.

Our trip was exploration only. We were there to see if the moon had changed. We needed to map out a possible building site. If the conditions were good, more people would come. If it all worked out, the moon would be a base for space explorers.

I noticed Dan **beckoning** me over to where he stood. Through his helmet I could see the excitement on his face. I hurried to him the best I could, but walking on the moon with little gravity and weighted boots was a challenge.

When I reached his side, he pointed to the ground. There was a footprint in the dusty surface. I fell backward in **disbelief**. Dan and I needed to get back to the shuttle. We had to radio home. This was not supposed to happen. I could barely think as I **laboriously** made my way back to the shuttle. My mind was a blur, for a footprint on the moon meant only one thing.

We were not alone.

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Fiction - Comprehension

- How many training did the astronauts receive before going into space?
 - 20 days
 - 20 weeks
 - 20 months
 - 20 years
- Why did the astronauts go to the moon?
 - to look for aliens
 - to collect water
 - to explore the land
 - to map out building sites
- Why did the reporter check everything before he took off?

- Why did the astronaut leave water? How do you know?

- What did the astronauts have to learn to do without without?
 - air
 - gravity
 - food
 - water
- What cooled the astronaut?
 - sweat was a fountain on the ground
 - they were running out of air
 - they ran on water
 - they heard a sound

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Nonfiction - Vocabulary

ANSWERS - Draw a line to match the vocabulary word with its definition. Use the context clues in the text for help.

maneuver	Doing one of either
overwhelmed	A feeling where you cannot believe something is true
beckoning	A planned movement
disbelief	To agree with your heart to come closer
	To affect someone very strongly

CLUES - Fill in the blank with the correct vocabulary word.

maneuvered overwhelmed labor beckoned disabled

- The astronaut's brother _____, he and she began to cry.
- He _____ the water to come closer.
- Here _____, he ran around the base of cones.
- Getting the job done will take many hours of difficult _____.
- After the plan was announced, Steve accepted the award with _____.

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Fiction - Read Closely and Critically

Describe the main character in the story and explain how his actions contributed to the outcome of events in the story.

- Describe how the astronaut prepared for their journey.

- How did the author show that the reporter was excited to be going to the moon?

- The author states that the trip to the moon was for exploration purposes only. What do you think the astronauts were exploring? about?

- What words did the author use to help the reader know that the astronaut were doing something very difficult?

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Fiction - Graphic Organizer

Use the graphic organizer to write about important aspects of the text.

CHARACTER	SETTING
The main character was important because...	The setting was important because...
_____	_____
_____	_____
PROBLEM	OUTCOME
The problem was...	The outcome was...
_____	_____
_____	_____

The Race is On

Nonfiction

As long as humans have lived, they have been exploring. One of the United States' greatest achievements was putting a man on the moon. It was after the second World War and the United States and the Soviet Union began competing with each other. Each one wanted to be the most **dominant**. The fierce competition suddenly got worse. The Soviet Union successfully launched the first satellite into space. The space race was on.

In 1958, President Eisenhower **established** the space program NASA. This program had a simple purpose. It was the exploration of space. During this time, the Soviet Union made another step toward getting a man in space. They launched a space probe at the moon. In 1961, the Soviet Union did it again. This time they managed to send a man around the earth in a small spacecraft. They didn't get a chance to do much else. The United States successfully launched Alan Shepard into space right after.

It was President Kennedy who got things moving more quickly. He told the world that the United States would land a man on the moon before 1970. NASA began creating their moon landing program shortly after.

A large amount of money was **injected** into the NASA's budget for space exploration. The organization went from 34,000 employees to 375,000 employees. The best and brightest minds were working together to win the space race.

In 1968, Apollo 8 was launched. This was the first time Americans were sent into space to **orbit** the moon. After the success of Apollo 8, it was only a matter of time before someone would set foot on the moon.

On July 16th, 1969 Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin, and Michael Collins launched the spaceship for the Apollo 11 mission. It was the first time NASA was trying for a moon landing. The mission was successful. Neil Armstrong was the first man to land on the moon. His famous words to the world were, "One small step for man, one giant leap for mankind."

The Soviet Union had a few **botched** attempts launching into space, but eventually they too followed. In 1975 three American astronauts met up with a Soviet space vehicle in space. The two commanders shook hands symbolizing the space race was over.

Landing on the moon changed the face of America. The people watched as history was made. Astronauts became heroes, the future was brighter and anything seemed possible. There haven't been any trips to the moon since 1972. Space exploration is ongoing, but no one has stepped foot on the moon. There are talks of going back, but people are unsure that landing on the moon is the right next step. Why go back to a place you've been before?

NASA is now looking at sending people to Mars. It is the next place to be explored. They say that one day people might be able to live on Mars. The world is full of possibilities. The future may be unclear, but it is bright.

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Nonfiction - Comprehension

- In which year was NASA established?
 - A 1958
 - B 1961
 - C 1968
 - D 1970
 - Who was the first person to step on the moon?
 - A Buzz Aldrin
 - B Neil Armstrong
 - C Michael Collins
 - D Dwight Eisenhower
 - The United States was in the space race with which other country?
 - A Germany
 - B France
 - C Great Britain
 - D Mexico
 - What is NASA thinking of sending people next?
 - A Sun
 - B Saturn
 - C Venus
 - D Mars
3. What happened to convince that the space race was over?
- _____
- _____
- _____
4. How did landing on the moon change America?
- _____
- _____
- _____

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Nonfiction - Read Closely and Critically

Determine the author's purpose for writing this poem.

- What did Neil Armstrong mean when he said, "One small step for man, one giant leap for mankind"?
- Although some think we shouldn't go back to the moon because we have already been there, do you think we should go? Why or why not?
- What did President Kennedy do to help improve the space program?
- What was the relationship like between America and the Soviet Union? How did it change?

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Nonfiction - Vocabulary

WORD BANK - Draw a line to match the vocabulary word with its definition. See the context clues in the text for help.

dominant	to run or do something better
established	to add something into something else
opened	to begin or create
orbit	move in a path or powerful than others
botched	A path where something goes around something else

CLUES - Fill in the blank with the correct vocabulary word.

dominant established injected orbit botched

- Mr. Aldrin _____ the school's first science lab.
- The moon _____ around the Earth.
- The _____ dog took the lead position in the pack.
- But we _____ into the game.
- Only _____ the play because he forgot half of his lines.

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Nonfiction - Graphic Organizer

Use the timeline to write the significant events that happened in each year.

