



Intrepid Explorers



Pupils will learn

- Find out when Christopher Columbus lived and what he was trying to achieve.
- Find out about Christopher Columbus's journey and what he discovered.
- Explore the impact of Columbus's voyages and what he brought back to Europe.
- Find out who Neil Armstrong is and why he is remembered today.
- Find out about Neil Armstrong's landing on the moon and the impact this had on the world.
- Compare the lives and achievements of Columbus and Armstrong.

Important facts

- Links to prior learning: Comparing significant figures, Kings and Queens in Yr 1
- Christopher Columbus did not just discover the Americas, but also new foods such as pineapple and potatoes.
- Although Neil Armstrong did not bring new things back from the moon, many things were invented which we use today because of the technology used to send people into space.

Christopher Columbus timeline

- 1451 - Christopher Columbus is born
- 1465 - At 14 Christopher Columbus becomes a sailor.
- 1492 - Christopher Columbus sets sail to find a route to Asia.
- 1492 - landed the first of three times in what would become known as the Americas.

Neil Armstrong timeline

- 1930 - Neil Armstrong was born.
- 1950s and 60s - people started to explore space.
- 1961 - Yuri Gagarin was the first man to travel in space.
- 1962 - Neil Armstrong becomes an astronaut
- 1969 - Neil Armstrong becomes the first person to walk on the moon..
- 2012 - Neil Armstrong dies.

Home Learning Ideas

- Make a rocket to travel to the moon
- Make a ship
- <https://www.theschoolrun.com/homework-help/christopher-columbus>
- https://www.ducksters.com/biography/explorers/neil_armstrong.php

Books to read at home

- Christopher Columbus (3.3 Young Reading Series Three (Purple)) Hardcover
- Great Explorers: Christopher Columbus and Neil Armstrong: (Collins Big Cat)
- One Giant Leap: The Story of Neil Armstrong Paperback – by Don Brown

Inquiry Questions

**Who is the greater explorer:
Christopher Columbus
Or
Neil Armstrong?**

Further Information

Route taken by Christopher Columbus



A photo of Earth from the moon



Key Vocabulary

explore	To travel to a new or known place to find out about it.	expedition	A journey taken by a group of people with a particular purpose.
explorer	A person who explores new or unfamiliar area.	Asia	A continent to the East of Europe and the west of the Pacific Ocean.
timeline	Dates of important events in time.	voyage	A long journey involving travel by sea or in space.
travel	To make a journey, typically of some length.	satellite	An artificial body placed in orbit around the earth or moon to collect information or for communication.
pilot	A person who operates the flying controls of an aircraft.	mission	An important job given to a person or a group of people, usually involving travel abroad.
technology	Machinery or equipment developed for practical purposes.	orbit	The curved path of a spacecraft around a planet or moon.
NASA	National Aeronautics and Space Administration	astronauts	A person who is trained to travel in a spacecraft.
compare	To measure what is the same or different.	celebrate	To mark a special or happy event.
different	Not the same as another.	similar	Having a likeness

* Words in grey are Tier 2 (non-topic specific) vocabulary