

Apollo 11 ~ A Lift-off in History

Process Paper

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How did you choose your topic?

The topic that my partner and I choose is Apollo 11 for many reasons. First, we wanted to do a very big event in history like this that made a big impact on science and our society.

Continuing, this topic has been a great interest to us and we feel that it is very good that we are putting our minds together to share the importance of the Apollo 11 mission. We feel that this is one of the most if not the most important aerospace achievement in the history of mankind so we wanted to back this argument with reasoning and facts to create a website that highlights why the Apollo 11 mission was so important in 1969 and still today.

How did you conduct your research?

My partner and I conducted our research in a specific way. To begin, my partner and I began to individually conduct research from multiple websites and books which all included primary and secondary sources. The sources we selected were then explored further to find key details to support our argument. The key details were then sifted and sorted into an organized document and then placed into our website. Besides only information, my partner and I were capable to communicate with Ella Atkins, University of Michigan Aerospace Engineer, and received interesting sources that can help us advance our knowledge on Apollo 11.

How did you select your presentation category?

The presentation category my partner and I selected was the website. We choose the website category because we felt modern-day people find interest in technology and virtual information. A website allows us to create an interactive presentation about the facts we gathered

about Apollo 11. We hoped to make our website a fun place to explore new information about the first mission to the moon.

How does your project relate to “Breaking Barriers in History”?

The thesis and topic come together to highlight a major barrier in the world and American history. To start, this topic relates to “Breaking Barriers in History” because it is a major barrier of getting a man on the moon for the first time in the history of all mankind. We feel that this is the most important aeronautic achievement in history. This was not just the moon landing that broke a barrier. To those who were able to see it live and know that a man is on another celestial body and is standing not on Earth but another place. We feel that this was a thing that brought together everyone around the world. They forgot which country they came from they just knew that something extraordinary had happened not just for the United States but for the world. “That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind.” -Neil Armstrong