

Armstrong and Columbus

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Neil Armstrong and Christopher Columbus

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Columbus and Armstrong were famous explorers.

Columbus discovered the Americas for Spain.

Armstrong was the first man on the moon.

They lived 500 years apart from each other.



Columbus first went to sea at a very young age.

Armstrong first flew in a plane aged five.

Their childhoods were very important.

Both men became very interested in exploration.



Columbus studied geography, history and astronomy.

He used the stars to help sail the seas.

Armstrong studied flight engineering at college.

As an astronaut he flew towards the stars.



Europeans wanted spices from the east Indies.

In the 15th Century they sailed around Africa.

Christopher Columbus wanted to sail west instead.

As a trader he wanted to make his fortune.



Russia and America became enemies after WWII.

It was called a cold war.

Armstrong flew for America in the Korean war.

As a fighter pilot he wanted America to be strong.



Columbus' voyages were to make Spain rich.

Columbus brought diseases and slavery with him.

Armstrong's missions helped American military power.

Armstrong's rocket missions were peaceful.



Columbus' crew ate dry meat and biscuits.

His voyages changed world history completely.

Armstrong's moon landing changed world history also.

He ate special packets of nutritious foods.



After the moon landing Armstrong retired from NASA.

Neil Armstrong died aged 82 in 2012.

Columbus made three more voyages to the Americas.

Unpopular, he died in 1506 aged 55.







