

## The Life of Neil Armstrong

Neil Armstrong was born on 5<sup>th</sup> August 1930 in Ohio, America. Neil Armstrong fell in love with flying when his father took him for a ride in an aeroplane when he was six-years-old in 1937. As a boy, he loved to read about flying and built model planes.

At just 16 years old in 1946, Armstrong earned his pilot's license before he could even drive a car. In 1947 he went to college at Perdue University in Indiana. Before he became an astronaut, Neil flew fighter planes for the navy in 1949 and later tested experimental rocket-powered planes. It was an incredibly dangerous job, but Neil always proved calm under pressure. This got him noticed by NASA who he started working for in 1952.

In 1962 he joined the astronaut programme. Armstrong embarked on his first space flight aboard Gemini 8 in 1966. Shortly after, on 21<sup>st</sup> July 1969 Neil became the first man to ever walk on the moon's surface. Apollo 11 returned to Earth safely on

24<sup>th</sup> July 1969. Within the same year, the crew of the moon mission received awards.

Armstrong left NASA in 1971 to become a professor in Ohio, at the University of Cincinnati. Neil died in 2012. He will always be remembered for his giant step for mankind.

## Timeline of Neil Armstrong's Life

