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One Small Step And A Big Leap

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Did you know that Neil Armstrong was the first human being that stepped foot on the moon? My favorite quote by Neil Armstrong is "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind." Neil Armstrong was brave and smart. I am lucky enough to be related to him! He is my distant cousin.

Neil Armstrong was born on August 5, 1930 in Wapakoneta Ohio. His parents were Stephen and Viola Armstrong. When he was young, his father took him to an airshow and then after that his goal was to become a pilot. When he was only 15 years old he got his pilots license.

He went to college and got his degree in aerospace engineering. While he was in college he was called to the Korean War as a fighter pilot. His plane got shot and he had to jump out of the plane after it was hit, but thankfully he got rescued. That showed how brave he was.

Before he became an astronaut he was a test pilot. He was a daredevil. It was a dangerous job. He was testing experimental planes to see how well they flew. His first step to becoming an astronaut was when he sent an application and was selected in September 1962. The first time he was in space was on the Gemini 8. He was the command pilot.

The most exciting part of his life was when he was given the job to be the command of the Apollo 11 on December 23, 1968. He was 38 years old. In order to learn what to do on the moon, the astronauts had to train on Earth first. They trained in Arizona, Hawaii, Texas, and

Nevada. One of the places they trained was at the Grand Canyon. They practiced collecting samples and using tools so this was no Buzz Lightyear mission!

The day came on July 16, 1969 to launch. They launched at the Kennedy Space Center. After landing on the moon on July 21, Neil Armstrong was the first person to leave the shuttle and step onto the moon. His partner was Buzz Aldrin. They collected Moon Rocks and were on the moon for over 21 hours.

He had two sons at home with their Mom watching him land on the moon and step foot on the moon. Their names were Mark and Rick. They were only 6 and 8 years old so they did not understand how special it was but they knew it was exciting. It would be terrifying to me if my Dad was on the moon on a dangerous mission.

So you would probably think that he was a huge conqueror, but he couldn't have done it alone. His success would not have been possible without all the people on his team. I think my cousin Neil Armstrong is a very courageous, daring, and heroic person!