Moon Mission Voices

Use quotations and paraphrases to report what sources say.

7.W.5.d "Quote or paraphrase the information and conclusions of others."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle the names of the people quoted, underline their exact words, and number two places where the writer restates information from an organization in new words.

What Apollo 11 Left Behind

1. In July 1969, Apollo 11 carried three astronauts toward the Moon. NASA's mission history explains that Michael Collins stayed in orbit while Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin traveled to the surface in a smaller craft. Armstrong stepped onto the Moon first, and Aldrin followed. Aldrin called the landscape "magnificent desolation," a short quote that captures its beauty and emptiness. Collins kept circling above them, waiting to bring the crew home after their work on the surface. Each astronaut had a different part in the mission.

2. The Moon keeps records differently from Earth. NASA explains that without wind or flowing water, tracks left in lunar dust can remain for a very long time. That does not mean the surface never changes. Tiny space rocks can strike the ground and disturb it. NASA's Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter has photographed trails made by astronauts near Apollo landing sites decades after the walks. These images support a striking conclusion: some signs of a brief human visit can outlast the people who made them.

3. Footprints are not the mission's only lasting evidence. According to the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum, Apollo 11 astronauts brought back about 22 kilograms of Moon rocks and soil. NASA reports that studying lunar samples helps researchers investigate the Moon's ancient history, including impacts from space rocks. Armstrong described his first step as "one giant leap for mankind," suggesting that he saw the landing as more than a personal achievement. The samples show a different kind of leap: a short trip gave scientists material they can keep studying.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Paraphrase NASA's information about Michael Collins's role. Name NASA in your answer.

2. Quote Armstrong's words from the passage. Then explain in your own words what he suggested about the landing.

3. In your own words, explain NASA's reason that tracks can last a long time on the Moon. Name your source.

4. Paraphrase NASA's conclusion about why lunar samples are useful to researchers.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write a three-sentence museum label about what Apollo 11 left for later generations. Quote Aldrin's description of the Moon, paraphrase the Smithsonian's information about the material astronauts collected, and explain why these details matter. Credit both sources.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Circle the names of the people quoted, underline their exact words, and number two places where the writer restates information from an organization in new words. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Paraphrase NASA's information about Michael Collins's role. Name NASA in your answer.	**According to NASA, Michael Collins remained in orbit while Armstrong and Aldrin went down to the Moon.**
2	Quote Armstrong's words from the passage. Then explain in your own words what he suggested about the landing.	**Armstrong called his first step "one giant leap for mankind." He suggested that the landing mattered to many people, not just to him.**
3	In your own words, explain NASA's reason that tracks can last a long time on the Moon. Name your source.	**NASA explains that tracks can last because the Moon has no wind or flowing water to wear them away.**
4	Paraphrase NASA's conclusion about why lunar samples are useful to researchers.	**NASA reports that lunar samples help researchers learn about the Moon's ancient history, including impacts from space rocks.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Buzz Aldrin called the Moon's landscape "magnificent desolation," preserving a visitor's impression of it. According to the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum, Apollo 11 astronauts brought about 22 kilograms of Moon rocks and soil back to Earth. Aldrin's words help later generations imagine the scene, while the collected material gives them something from that place to examine.

Accept accurate paraphrases that preserve the source's meaning without copying its wording. For the museum label, check for three sentences, an exact Aldrin quotation, an accurate paraphrase of the Smithsonian's information, and credit to both sources.