

Moon Mission Views

Compare how three accounts describe the Apollo 11 landing.

4.RI.3.B "Compare and contrast multiple accounts of the same event or topic and describe the differences in focus and the information provided."

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1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline one detail in each account that shows its main focus. Circle one detail in each account that the other accounts do not provide.

Three Views of Apollo 11

- ① Account 1, a newspaper report, described Apollo 11 as a major world event. The spacecraft launched from Florida on July 16, 1969, and its lunar module, Eagle, landed on the Moon on July 20. The report noted that Neil Armstrong became the first person to step onto the Moon. It also described millions of people watching television coverage around the world.
- ② Account 2 came from Neil Armstrong, the mission commander. His account focused on guiding Eagle safely to the ground. During the descent, he saw a field of boulders near the planned landing spot. He took manual control and flew past it to a smoother area. Armstrong's account gives readers a close view of the quick decisions made inside the lunar module.
- ③ Account 3 came from Buzz Aldrin, the second astronaut to walk on the Moon. His account focused on the work done after the landing. Aldrin helped place scientific tools on the lunar surface, including a seismometer and a laser reflector. He also collected rock and soil samples. This account provides information about experiments that could teach scientists about the Moon.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

- 1 What shared event connects all three accounts? Use details from any two accounts to support your answer.

- 2 How is the focus of Account 1 different from the focus of Account 2?

- 3 How does Account 3 provide different information from Account 1?

- 4 Which account would best help a reader learn why Eagle landed in a different spot than planned? Explain why.

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Write exactly three sentences comparing Accounts 1 and 3. Name their shared event in the first sentence, explain Account 1's focus with one detail in the second sentence, and contrast Account 3's focus with one detail in the third sentence.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline one detail in each account that shows its main focus. Circle one detail in each account that the other accounts do not provide. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What shared event connects all three accounts? Use details from any two accounts to support your answer.	All three describe Apollo 11 landing on the Moon and the astronauts' activities there. Account 2 describes Eagle's landing, and Account 3 describes work done after the landing.
2	How is the focus of Account 1 different from the focus of Account 2?	Account 1 focuses on Apollo 11 as a world event watched by many people. Account 2 focuses on Armstrong's actions and decisions while landing Eagle.
3	How does Account 3 provide different information from Account 1?	Account 3 gives details about scientific tools and samples collected on the Moon. Account 1 gives details about the launch, first step, and television audience.
4	Which account would best help a reader learn why Eagle landed in a different spot than planned? Explain why.	Account 2, because it explains that Armstrong saw boulders and manually flew Eagle to a smoother area.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Both accounts describe Apollo 11's landing and activities on the Moon. Account 1 focuses on the mission as a world event and says that millions watched it on television. In contrast, Account 3 focuses on science after the landing, including tools placed on the surface and samples collected.

Accept responses that correctly identify the shared Apollo 11 event and distinguish each account's focus. Students should support comparisons with accurate details from the passage.