

At the beginning of my project, I decided to help myself narrow down the number of topics I could choose by seeing what the main topic could be related to. I found that my favorite of the available subjects was science. With that out of the way, I decided to go into the area of The Apollo Program. I believed that missions 11 and 12 would be great topic choices, because they explored and encountered the moon, and they were part of the exchange that was the space race. Another reason that I chose this topic is because I liked space, and the idea that people could go to space is amazing, but I didn't know exactly how amazing it was to the people at that time. Once I had selected this topic, I brought it to my family and friends for input. They all said that the topic was good, so I began researching.

To start my research off, I needed to find out why they chose to go to the moon. To do this, I went over to NASA's website and its various pages relating to Apollo. While good, this was only one perspective of why it was started. After this, I went to the Boise State University to get another perspective from the book *Moon Shot*. Also while I was there, I used their database of historical newspapers for primary sources to add some pictures to my website. Once I had gone to the library, I needed some pictures, and other information on my website. To do this, I went deeper into the NASA website and the Lunar & Planetary Institute website.

Next, I had to pick a category. To do this, I made a list of pros and cons in my head. Once I had done this, I felt that the best way to properly make my project would be to make a website because, there could be videos which show the liftoff, there are no physical materials needed, and I did a website last time.

My NHD project had to fit the topic, so I also have how it does listed. First off, the theme is exploration, encounter, and exchange in history. It is exploration because of the scientific exploration needed to make a rocket to go to space, and because they explored to the moon. Apollo 11 and 12 are also an encounter because they encountered the USSR in the space race. Finally, they are an exchange because the USA and the USSR exchanged propaganda, successes, and failures.