

## Process Paper

As I was thinking about ideas for this year's National History Day project, I started to think about events that changed the world we know today. I thought: what was an event in history that caused the most change nationwide and throughout the world? Then, as I began researching, I found the Apollo 11 Mission, which really interested me, since I have always had a deep love space. From there I researched even more until I had answered my question with satisfaction.

I located much of my information through my local libraries and online libraries. They include the Berwyn, Cicero, and Elmwood Public Libraries, the Library of Congress, the Lunar and Planetary Institute, NASA Libraries, and Purdue University Libraries. I also consulted several letters, including one from President John F. Kennedy, as well as the bill to establish NASA. To add to my presentation and my knowledge, I used a wide variety of never before seen NASA photographs and clips, multiple Russian newspaper and propaganda posters, newspapers from every state released the same day as the Apollo 11 launch and landing, a video and documentation of JFK's moon speech, real Apollo 11 mission footage, the official Apollo 11 mission report and overview, and an interview with the son of a soviet leader. To locate newspapers and documents, I used Newspaper.com (a database), the New York Times, the Miami News, Chronicling America, and other historical websites to locate primary source newspapers and documents. One piece of evidence that I used was a written interview with Sergei Khrushchev. He was the son of Nikita Khrushchev, who was in the Soviet Government at the time of the Space Race. Sergei was a child of the Cold War, and experienced every second of it. This interview influenced my project because Khrushchev gave a full detailed description of

what the Soviets did to try and conceal the U.S moon landing from their people. He also described how the people of the Soviet Union actually felt about it and its own form of government. This interview overall really helped me develop my argument and my Foreign View page on my website.

I decided to make a website because I liked the idea of an exhibit board and a documentary, but I wanted something in between. I wanted to add a lot of pictures and my creativity all together, but I wanted it to be interactive too. A website was perfect for what I wanted to do. To add to this I've had experience with websites, since I did one for a project last year. Overall, a website was perfect for me.

The Apollo 11 Mission broke the barriers of space by physically breaking the barrier between the earth and the atmosphere and broke barriers. It was the first mission ever to reach the moon, successfully exploring the moon's atmosphere. It broke the barriers of science and technology, and many technological advancements and inventions were made making the world more advanced in all.