

A photograph of astronaut Neil Armstrong on the surface of the Moon. He is wearing a white spacesuit with an American flag patch on the right arm and is standing on the lunar surface, which is covered in dark soil and rocks. The background shows the dark, cratered horizon of the Moon under a black sky.

# Today in History

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▲ Neil Armstrong became the first man to step on to the surface of the moon, saying “That’s one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind”

**1304:** Petrarch, one of the great lyrical poets of Renaissance Italy, was born

**1960:** The submerged USS George Washington made the first test launch of a Polaris missile from a submarine at sea

**1974:** Turkish armed forces invaded Cyprus, dividing the island into Turkish and Greek-controlled states

**1989:** Opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi was placed under house arrest by Burma’s military rulers