

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 sleeve and is standing on the lunar surface, which is covered in dust and rocks. His shadow is cast on the ground to his left.

Today in History

July 20, 1969

▲ 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”

1923: Mexican revolutionary leader Pancho Villa was assassinated

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

2003: U.S. golfer Ben Curtis, ranked 396th in the world, won the British Open to become the first ever golfer to win a major at his first attempt

2008: Beijing closed factories and imposed traffic restrictions to reduce air pollution for the Olympic Games