



“XPLORATION OUTER SPACE”

SEASON V - 2018/2019

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THIRD QUARTER

Week of June 24, 2019 through week of August 26, 2019

Week of June 24, 2019 (Episode #143)

This episode examines some of the popular notions surrounding the Apollo program and discerns whether they are fact or fiction. These include: were Neil Armstrong's words when he stepped on the moon scripted by Nasa? Products such as Velcro and Teflon are thought to be invented during the space program: true or false? Did President Kennedy try to work together with the Soviet Union to get a man on the moon? These and more are featured in Fact or Fiction.

Week of July 1, 2019 (Episode #144)

Apollo was a “central project” that is generally thought to be one of the greatest achievements in the history of mankind. Experts debate the positive and negative aspects of Apollo with an eye towards deciding: Was it worth the enormous costs?

Week of July 8, 2019 (Episode #145)

This episode captures Apollo's most amazing video and audio moments caught on camera including: the famous John F. Kennedy speech at Rice University where he inspires the nation to reach the moon; Kennedy's never-before-heard private audio in which he voices his doubts about sending a man to the moon; and the first spectacular pictures of Earth ever taken from the moon

Week of July 15, 2019 (Episode #146)

This episode features the important “firsts” of the Apollo program. From the first satellite launched by the Soviets called Sputnik; to the first man who flew in space named Yuri Gagarin; the first spacewalk to the first live broadcast in space, many of the monumental achievements of the space race are documented.

Week of July 22, 2019 (Episode #147)

This episode chronicles several of the major decisions that define the Apollo mission including: the decision to use a lunar module that detached from the command module rather than one giant spaceship landing on the moon; the decision to have Neil Armstrong be the “first man,” and the controversy around it; the decision to move forward after a horrific fire took the lives of three astronauts; and the surprising decision on who should be the first astronauts.

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Week of July 29, 2019 (Episode #148)

Three very different, uniquely talented men came together to form the crew of Apollo 11. Neil Armstrong, the skilled pilot, Buzz Aldrin, the astronaut with a PhD, and Mike Collins, the well-liked pilot of the command module. This episode looks at all three men, not only in their professional capacities, but their personalities as well. They were, as Mike Collins described them, “amiable strangers.”

Week of August 5, 2019 (Episode #149)

Before Apollo, there was Gemini, and before Gemini, there was the Mercury program. This episode examines Mercury, the first U.S. program to put a man in space. It looks at the people, such as astronaut John Glenn, the events, such as Alan Shephard’s first flight to low earth orbit, and the triumphs of this precursor to Apollo.

Week of August 12, 2019 (Episode #150)

400,000 people worked in putting a man on the moon. This episode looks at some of the prominent, and not so prominent players who played their parts, including: Frank Borman and Bill Anders, astronauts of Apollo 8; Werner Von Braun, the German scientist who led the team of American scientists and engineers; and Bill Tindall, whose memos to astronauts, scientists, and engineers were indispensable.

Week of August 19, 2019 (Episode #151)

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Week of August 26, 2019 (Episode #152)

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