

SPACE DISCOVERY

PROJECT APOLLO

TIME TO GO TO THE MOON





Project Apollo's goals went beyond landing Americans on the Moon and returning them safely to Earth. They included:

- Establishing the technology to meet other national interests in space.
- Achieving preeminence in space for the United States.
- Carrying out a program of scientific exploration of the Moon.
- Developing man's capability to work in the lunar environment.

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The flight mode, lunar orbit rendezvous, was selected in 1962. The boosters for the program were the Saturn IB for Earth orbit flights and the Saturn V for lunar flights.

Apollo was a three-part spacecraft: the command module (CM), the crew's quarters and flight control section; the service module (SM) for the propulsion and spacecraft support systems (when together, the two modules are called CSM); and the lunar module (LM), to take two of the crew to the lunar surface, support them on the Moon, and return them to the CSM in lunar orbit.

- 1. Introduce the document.
- 2. What is Project Apollo?
- 3. What were its goals?
 - Describe them precisely
- 4. What rockets were used for these missions?
 - Say which one was used for what type of mission.
- 5. What type of spacecraft was Apollo?
 - Give the technical description
- 6. Explain the symbols used on the Apollo mission badge.

