

# THE MUSEUM ON THE MOON: THE CURIOUS OBJECTS ON THE LUNAR SURFACE

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## PRE-READING ACTIVITIES

### Share books about the Apollo missions

- Daring Dozen: The Twelve Men Who Walked the Moon by Suzanne Slade, illus. by Alan Marks
- Moon Tree: The Story of One Extraordinary Tree by Carolyn Bennett Frasier
- Man on the Moon by Anastasia Suen, illus. by Benrei Huang
- Countdown: 2979 Days to the Moon by Suzanne Slade, illus. by Thomas Gonzalez

### Explore other resources

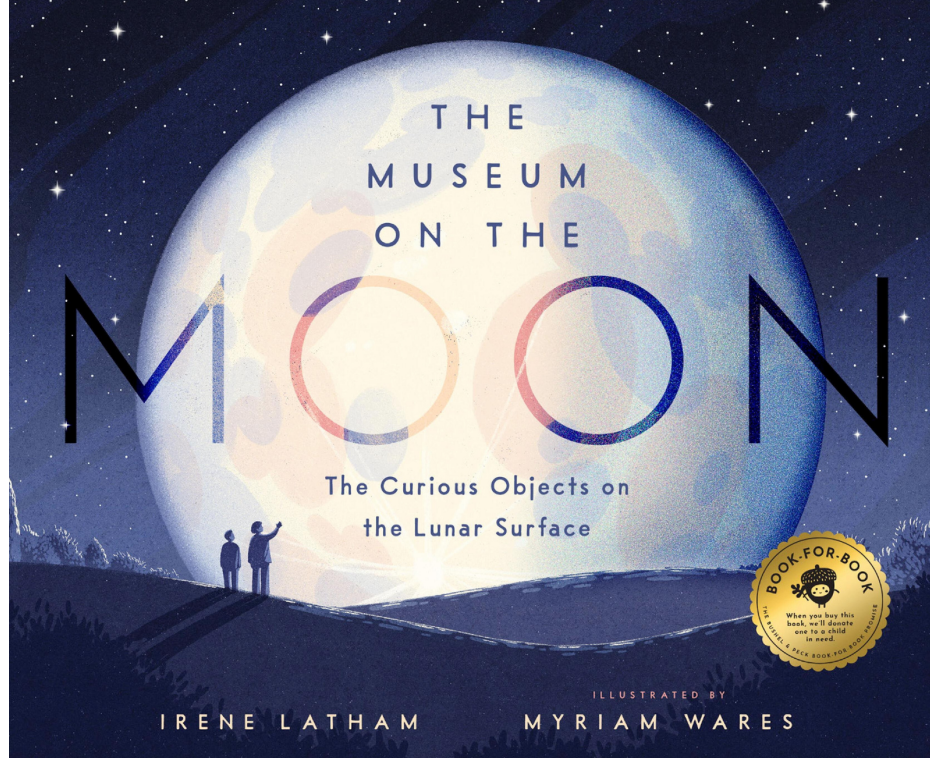
- Watch recording of JFK's Moon Landing Speech: <https://earthsky.org/human-world/this-date-in-science-kennedy-speech-ignites-dreams-of-moon-landing/>
- Read free Moon poems at <https://padlet.com/irenelathambook/welcome-to-the-museum-on-the-moon-x6zzhrbpqghd0gj6>
- Visit a NASA museum. Locations listed here: <https://science.nasa.gov/about-us/nasa-centers/>

If you love the Moon, people might call you a **SELENOPHILE**. (That's a fancy word for a person who enjoys all things Moon.)



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## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

### "Welcome Earthlings!"

So far only government employees have traveled to the Moon, but soon private citizens will go there. What is your opinion about space tourism?

### "Dear Universe"

The Space Race resulted in many new inventions, including camera phones. What new things might scientists need to invent for humans to go to Mars?

### "Apollo 1"

The race to the Moon included lots of mistakes, some of which resulted in the loss of life. Do you think space exploration is worth the risk?

### "Little Free Moon Library"

What book(s) would you add to the library on the Moon?

### "Alan Shepard's Advice for Golfing on the Moon"

What sport would you like to play on the Moon?

### "Gravity"

Astronauts have conducted experiments on the Moon. What experiment do you think needs to be done next?

### "Toss Zone"

What are some ways we might address the "trash" problem on the Moon? Who should be responsible for cleaning it up?

### "Moon's Message Upon Reading The Apollo II Silicon Disc"

In this poem, the Moon has a message for us. What would your message be to the Moon? Alternately, imagine you are on the Moon, and you see someone or something. What do you want to say to that person or object?

### "Astronot"

Many things are different (and difficult!) on the Moon. What else (besides going to the bathroom) do you think will be a challenge for Moon visitors?

### "Invisible"

The Moon represents our (invisible) human hopes and dreams. What else?

### "This Poem is an Outpost"

NASA's Artemis mission aims to return humans to the moon. What do you think should be the next goals for space exploration?