

Saturn V rocket launch

On the morning of July 16th 1969, crowds gathered at the NASA as the United States of America got ready to launch its Saturn V rocket from Cape Kennedy, Florida, USA to the Moon. At an **immense** height of 111 metres, it was taller than the Statue of Liberty and many other tower blocks. Despite the excitement outside, **astronauts** Edwin Aldrin, Neil Armstrong and Michael Collins calmly climbed into the Commad Module.

At the very top of the Saturn V, the three men took their seats before a team of experts carried out important **pre-launch** checks. The astronauts had gone through rigorous training to get this point of the launch. At 9:32, the 5 gargantuan engines fired and the rocket launched from its tower.

After **propelling** upwards, the spacecraft entered Earth's orbit at nearly 120 miles above the surface. Two astronauts (Armstrong and Aldrin) were then transported to the Lunar Module (Eagle), which would transport them to and from the Moon's surface. The men began their three-day journey across the 238,000-mile **expanse** between the Earth and the moon.