Canberra Deep Space Communication Complex

the moon rock

The piece of Moon rock at the Canberra Space Centre is one of only a handful of examples of lunar material on public display anywhere in the world.

It was given to us to commemorate the important role that Australia played in making sure that the world got to the see the first pictures of the first person to walk on the surface of the Moon.

Take a close look at the rock, and the information around it. What things can you discover about the Moon rock. Try answering these questions...

1. What do we call this type of rock?

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2. Where does this type of rock come from? How does it usually form?

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3. How old is this piece of Moon rock?

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4. Which space mission brought this piece of rock back to Earth?

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5. What was the name of the first and second man to walk on the Moon?

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6. What was the date of the first mission to land humans on the Moon?

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7. Look closely at the rock. Can you describe three things about the way it looks?

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8. Would a similar rock from Earth look different? Why?

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9. Why do you think it is important for us to study rocks that come from the Moon?

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