

CO-OPERATION

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Cooperation: Relationships, Team building, Selflessness, Team work, Leadership, Participation, Readiness to compromise, Collaboration

the action or process of working together to the same end

Commander Neil Armstrong, Command Module Pilot Michael Collins and Lunar Module Pilot Edwin “Buzz” Aldrin were the three Apollo 11 astronauts. Each were of notably different character but were accepting and respectful of their colleagues and their contributions. Collins was the only astronaut not to enter the lunar module and land on the moon. His role was to orbit the moon in solitude and wait for the return of Armstrong and Aldrin from the lunar surface. He was critical to the mission and content to be part of a larger effort.

Armstrong was the astronaut who showed true leadership in landing the Lunar Module with only 16 seconds of fuel remaining. Aborting the descent was not an option, and he was prepared to make the necessary decisions.

Behind these astronauts were an estimated 300,000 people comprising of the government, private industry and scientists. It was the combination and collaboration of all these people that led to a successful mission.

Google ‘Apollo 11 and teamwork’ to find out other lesser known facts

