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Explorers Compared

Directions: Read the passage about Marco Polo and Neil Armstrong. Fill in the chart below with **similarities** and **differences** between the two explorers. Write complete ideas, not single words.

Two Explorers, Worlds Apart

Marco Polo lived hundreds of years ago during the 1200s. He traveled across Asia, reaching China and writing detailed accounts of the people, cultures, and goods he discovered. His journeys helped Europeans learn more about distant lands and inspired future exploration.

Neil Armstrong, on the other hand, explored a place far beyond Earth. In 1969, he became the first human to walk on the moon during the Apollo 11 mission. Armstrong's words, "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind," became famous around the world. His journey showed that humans could explore space just as boldly as explorers had once ventured across oceans and continents.

Though they lived in different times and traveled to very different places, both men are remembered as pioneers who pushed the limits of exploration and inspired others to dream of new discoveries.

Similarities	Differences