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DIRECTIONS: Read John's paragraph. Then fill in the chart below.

Like many people, I think the moon landing was a hoax. For one thing, there are no stars in the background in the photos of the astronauts on the moon. Not only that, one of the most famous pictures has a moon rock in it that seems to have the letter "c" written on it. Defenders of the moon landing say that this is probably just a hair that got onto the film during development, but it could also mean that the "moon rock" was nothing more than a photographic prop. Some of the shadows in photographs are inconsistent lengths, which could indicate that the scene was lit from multiple angles. Finally, when the astronauts planted the American flag on the moon, it seems to be flapping in the wind. But everyone knows that there is no atmosphere, and thus no weather, on the moon. So where did the wind come from? The flag should hang down limply, unless the astronauts were holding it up. For all of these reasons, I think that the moon landing was a fake.

JOHN'S POINT	JOHN'S REASONS AND EVIDENCE

ANSWERS

John's point: The moon landing was a hoax.

John's reasons and evidence: 1. There are no stars in the background in the photos of the astronauts on the moon. 2. One of the most famous pictures has a moon rock in it that seems to have the letter "c" written on it. 3. Some of the shadows in photographs are inconsistent lengths, which could indicate that the scene was lit from multiple angles. 4. When the astronauts planted the American flag on the moon, it seems to be flapping in the wind. But everyone knows that there is no atmosphere, and thus no weather, on the moon.