This isn't really a full-fledged unit of study, but just a collection of information sheets that can be used to introduce a mix of Pagan topics related to the moon.

There are a series of pages on the folklore names associated with each full moon, which could be used with other seasonal or Sabbat projects.

I have also added an explanation of the moons phases, an introduction into some Deities that are tied to the moon and a page of trivia tidbits. I didn't bother with any tests or question pages, but there is a crossword to help reinforce what's been read.
January

Wolf Moon
(Old Moon, Snow Moon)

The first full moon of the year is best known as the Wolf Moon.

It got it's name because the wolves would start to howl more loudly at this time of year because they were starting to get hungry as the cold winter dragged on.

February

Snow Moon
(Hunger Moon)

Snows were always heaviest by February, and as the winter was coming to a close, food was usually getting scarce. That's why it was sometimes called the Hunger Moon too.

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March

Worm Moon
(Sap Moon, Crow Moon)

The ground just starts to thaw in March, and the worms come back to life.

It's not the prettiest name for a moon but it's still accurate. Once the worms start moving around, it attracts all the winter birds, like the crows.

April

Pink Moon
(Egg Moon, Fish Moon, Seed Moon)

One of the first flowers to bloom in North America in the spring is a low-growing pink flower, so that's where this moon got its name. No, the moon isn't actually pink.

One of the other names comes from how some spring birds start to lay their eggs at this time of the year.

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Spring has definitely sprung, and wildflowers are all in bloom in May.

Animals like goats, cows and sheep start to give milk with the new spring babies, so this is also known as the milk moon.

You can probably figure out the name of this moon. Strawberries are only ripe for a few weeks each year, so they deserve to have the full moon in June named after them.
July

BUCK MOON
(Thunder Moon, Hay Moon)

Summer is in full swing, and the male deer would be found with his impressive racks of antlers. The bucks were the kings of the forest at this time of year, and they were honored in naming the July full moon.

August

Sturgeon Moon
(Red Moon, Grain Moon)

Sturgeon are some of the biggest fish in the Great Lakes region of North America, and a big part of the local diet. Their numbers are at their highest in August, so the local fishing tribes dedicated this full moon to them.
September

**Corn Moon**

(Harvest Moon)

As the harvest season gets going, the important corn crops are very important at this time of year.

As you can guess, this is the time of the year when the corn crops are harvested, which is why this goes by the name Corn or Harvest Moon.

October

**Hunter's Moon**

(Harvest Moon)

Also known as the Harvest Moon, the Hunter's Moon marks the time of year when game was hunted to start storing meat for the long winter that was soon coming.

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November

Beaver Moon

(Frosty Moon)

This would be the last month that the beaver could be hunted before the wetlands froze, and their warm pelts were important for winter.

December

Long Night’s Moon

(Cold Moon)

This moon is probably an easy one to understand, no matter which name you use. Though winter still has a while to go, the nights are longest in December (until the Solstice at Yule).

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The Phases of the Moon

As you probably know, the moon shows us a different shape as the nights pass. Sometimes it's big and round, and sometimes it shows up as just a sliver of light in the sky.

It's not just a pretty feature in the sky though. The changing moon offers us different power and energy as it moves through its phases.

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The bright and beautiful moon has long been tied to Gods and Goddesses around the world. Though there are too many moon deities to really cover them all, here are some from the main pantheons.

**Artemis**
She's the Greek goddess of the hunt and is usually shown with Her trusty bow and arrow. The moon is one of Her main symbols, possibly because the bright light of the moon represented her purity.

Even though she is a huntress, she also protects the forest animals and the deer is especially sacred to her.

**Thoth**
Thoth is the Egyptian god with the head of an ibis or a baboon, and He rules over magick, learning and all the sciences. Because He stands for astronomy (the study of stars and planets), the moon is one of His main symbols.

It was Thoth who provided the magick to bring Osiris back to life after Set killed him.

**Arianhroa**
In Welsh, Her name means "silver wheel" which is a good way to describe the moon. They said She lives up in the Northern Lights, and travels through the sky in a silver chariot.

She is considered to be a mother goddess and She can change shape into a big white owl.

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More about the Moon

Here are a few more bits and pieces about the moon

The moon goes through its complete cycle every 28 days, which means there can sometimes be 2 full moons in one month. The second one is called a Blue Moon, no matter which month it is.

The dark patches we see on the moon are not craters, but big plains of darker rock. Astronomers used to think they were actually seas of water up there, which is why they are still called "seas" today. They have pretty names like the Sea of Tranquillity and the Sea of Clouds.

Ever heard of a "gibbous moon"? It sounds a little spooky, but it just means a moon that is 3/4 full (either before or after the full moon).

People used to think that the big full moon would make people crazy. That's where we get the word "lunatic" from (using the Latin word for moon, which is luna).

The moon spins about the same speed as it moves around the Earth, which means that the same side of the moon is always facing us. The side we never see is called the "dark side of the moon".

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Across:

2. Which month has a full moon named for a fish?
4. How many main moon phases are there?
6. What is the more common name for the Rose Moon?
7. The moon seems to get larger in the sky during the _______ phase?
8. What is the Latin word for moon?

Down:

1. What do you call the moon when it is about 3/4 full?
3. What does Arianhrod's name mean in Welsh (two words)?
5. Thoth the Egyptian moon God is sometimes shown with the head of a _______.