



Amelia Earhart and Early Aviation

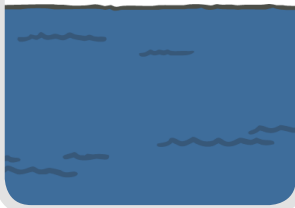
Read the Amelia Earhart and Early Aviation Information text below.

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Who Was Amelia Earhart?

Amelia Jane Earhart is one of America's most well-known pilots.

She is famous because she was the first female to fly alone across the Atlantic Ocean.



She went missing on 2nd July, 1937 somewhere over the Pacific Ocean. She was attempting to fly solo around the whole world.



B

Her Childhood

Amelia lived with her father and mother and her younger sister, Muriel. She loved to have adventures such as climbing trees, hunting rats and riding her sledge down hills on her tummy!



Amelia and Muriel Earhart wore bloomers instead of dresses, which the other girls in the neighbourhood were not allowed to do.





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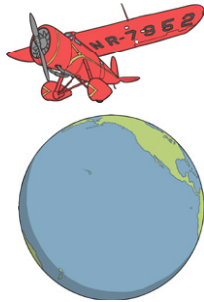
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Her Big Adventure

Amelia Earhart was given her first plane ride on 28th December, 1920.



She had her first flying lesson when she was 23 years old.



In July 1921, she bought her first plane. It was bright yellow and she named it "The Canary".



In July 1937, Amelia Earhart went missing over Howland Island as she tried to fly around the world.

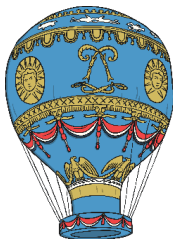
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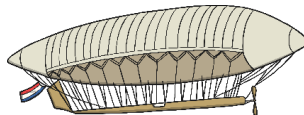
Early Aviation Facts

1783 - The hot air balloon was invented by Montgolfier brothers.



1783

1884 - The first airship was built by Charles Renard and Arthur Krebs.



1884

1903 - The first flight of an aeroplane by Wilbur and Orville Wright.



1903

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Who Was Amelia Earhart?

Throughout history, people have invented and built machines that allow people to fly. Some brave adventurers have then taken on incredible challenges in these machines, flying further, faster or higher than ever before. Read on to find out about one such person.

Amelia Jane Earhart is one of America's most well-known and adventurous aviators.



She is famous because she was the first female pilot to fly alone across the Atlantic Ocean.



She was born in Atchison, Kansas, USA on 24th July 1897.



She went missing on 2nd July 1937, somewhere over the Pacific Ocean. She was attempting to fly solo around the whole world.



B

Her Childhood

Amelia lived with her father, mother and younger sister, Grace Muriel. She enjoyed adventures and was quite a tomboy. She would climb trees, hunt rats and ride her sledge down hills!



The Earhart sisters were allowed to wear bloomers, which the other girls in the neighbourhood were not allowed to do. They enjoyed the freedom that they did not have when wearing dresses.



As well as a love of adventure, Amelia Earhart was also very interested in successful women who worked in jobs usually associated with men.



After senior school, she worked as a nurse's aide in Canada, looking after wounded soldiers in the First World War. She later became a social worker.



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By the time I had got two or three hundred feet off the ground, I knew I had to fly.



She had her first flying lesson when she was 23 years old.

In July 1921, she bought her first plane. It was bright yellow and she named it "The Canary".



In October 1922, she broke the women's altitude record.

In May 1923, she got her pilot's license – she was only the 16th woman in the world to receive one.

In June 1928, she became the first woman to fly across the Atlantic, alongside two other male pilots.

In May 1932, she became the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic.

D

A Sad End

On 20th May 1937, Amelia and her navigator, Fred Noonan, left Oakland, USA for her biggest adventure, to fly all the way around the world.



This would be a journey of 29 000 miles and was to end at the same place it started.

On 2nd July 1937, Amelia and Fred Noonan tried to make the next flight of their trip, from New Guinea to Howland Island in the Pacific.

However, the weather was bad, with cloud and rain showers. The island they were hoping to land on, Howland Island, was extremely small, so two American ships were ordered to burn every light to act as markers to guide them in.



A lighthouse was built on Howland Island in her memory.

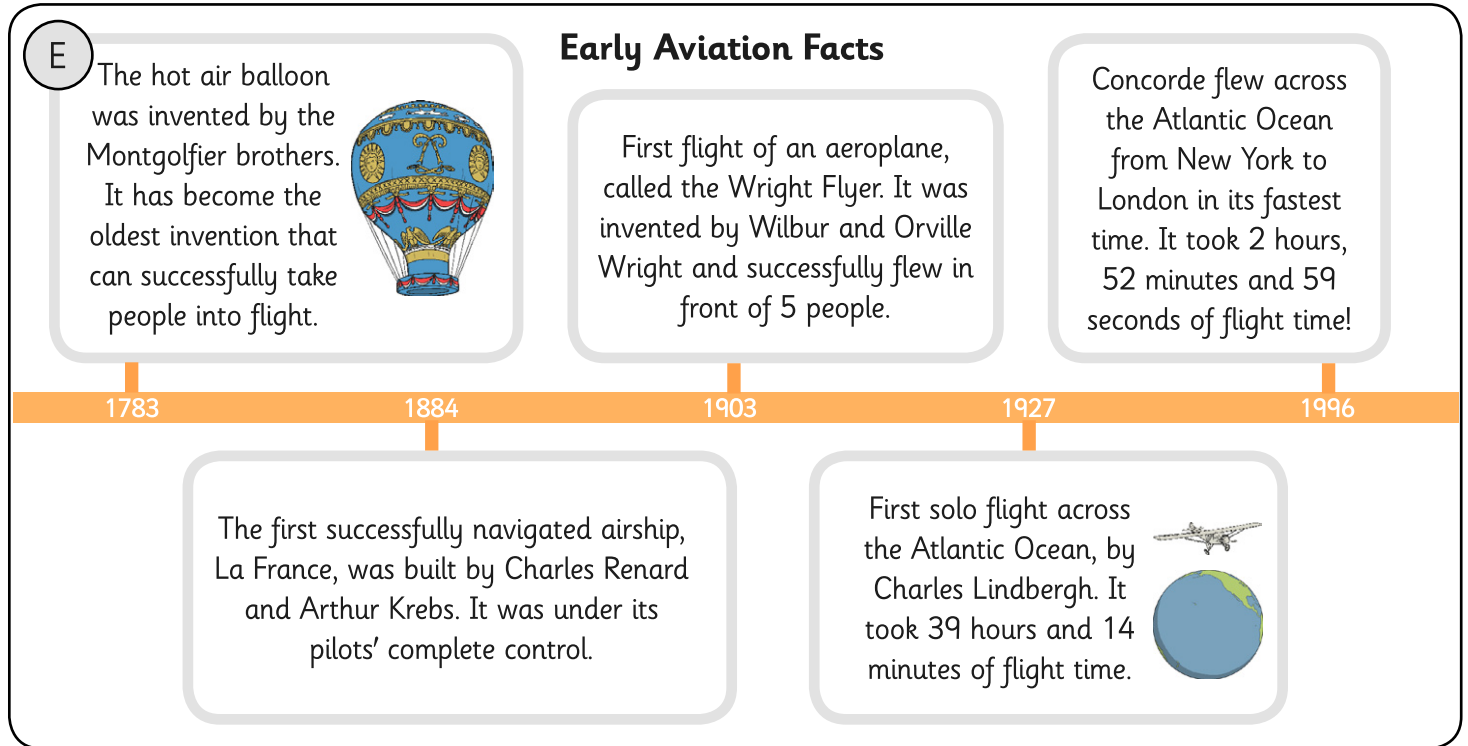


Sadly, due to poor weather and low fuel, Amelia and Fred never made it to Howland Island.



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Amelia Earhart and Early Aviation Quiz

Now fill in the missing words from the choices below.

1. Amelia Earhart was a famous _____
2. She loved having _____ when she was a little girl.
3. Her mum let her wear _____ instead of a dress.
4. When she was 23 she had her first _____ lesson.
5. She tried to fly _____ around the world in 1937.
6. A _____ was built on Howland Island to remember her.

solo

adventures

flying

lighthouse

pilot

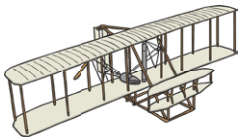
bloomers

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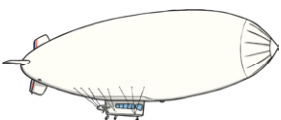
7. Hot air balloon

Charles Renard and Arthur Krebs



8. First aeroplane

The Montgolfier Brothers



9. First airship

The Wright Brothers



Amelia Earhart and Early Aviation Quiz

Questions

1. Where was Amelia Earhart born?

(A)

California

☐

Kansas

☐

5. Why was Amelia Earhart famous?

(A)

She was a brave aviator.

☐

She was the first lady to wear bloomers.

☐

2. Who was Amelia Earhart's sister?

(B)

Muriel

☐

Margaert

☐

6. When did she attempt to fly solo around the world?

(D)

1946

☐

1937

☐

3. How old was she when she had her first flying lesson?

(C)

23

☐

27

☐

7. Where did she go missing?

(D)

near Hawaii

☐

near Holwand Island

☐

4. What colour was her first aeroplane?

(C)

blue

☐

yellow

☐

8. Who invented the first successful aeroplane?

(E)

The Wright Brothers

☐

The Montgolfier Brothers

☐

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California

☐

Kentucky

☐

Kansas

☐

Colorado

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2. Why was Amelia Earhart famous?

A

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3. Find 2 things that Amelia Earhart did as a child that show she was adventurous.

B

1.

2.

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Amelia Earhart and Early Aviation Quiz

4. How old was she when she had her first flying lesson? Tick one. (C)

23

☐

29

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27

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31

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5. Why did Amelia Earhart name her first aeroplane 'The Canary'? (C)

6. When did she attempt to fly solo around the world? Tick one. (D)

1946

☐

1907

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1927

☐

1937

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Amelia Earhart and Early Aviation Quiz

7. Put these events in order. Number them from 1 to 4.

(D)

A lighthouse was built on Howland Island to remember Amelia Earhart.

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They lost radio contact and were never seen again.

☐

On 2nd July, Amelia Earhart and Fred Noonan were trying to fly from New Guinea to Howland Island.

☐

The weather was bad that day.

☐

8. Who invented the first successful aeroplane?

(E)

9. What was the name of the aeroplane that flew across the Atlantic in its fastest time in 1996?

(E)

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The Wright Brothers

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The Montgolfier Brothers

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Answers

1. Where was Amelia Earhart born? Tick one.

- California ☐
- Kentucky ☐
- Kansas ☒
- Colorado ☐

2. Why was Amelia Earhart famous?

*She was a famous female aviator/ pilot.
She was the first female pilot to fly
alone across the Atlantic.*

3. Find 2 things that Amelia Earhart did as a child that show she was adventurous.

Possible answers:

*Climb trees
Hunt rats
Ride their sledge down hills on their
tummies*

4. How old was she when she had her first flying lesson? Tick one.

- 23 ☒
- 29 ☐
- 27 ☐
- 31 ☐

5. Why did Amelia Earhart name her first aeroplane 'The Canary'?

It was yellow/ bright yellow.

6. When did she attempt to fly solo around the world? Tick one.

- 1946 ☐
- 1907 ☐
- 1927 ☐
- 1937 ☒

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