

AMELIA EARHART

1. What is your favorite thing about Amelia Earhart? Why?

2. Why do you think Amelia wanted to be the pilot and fly by herself across the Atlantic?

3. What do you think happened to Amelia on her flight?

4. If you could learn more about Amelia, what would you want to know?

5. If Amelia was born during our time, what do you think she would do about her life?

6. Write three words you would use to describe Amelia Earhart. Chose those words.

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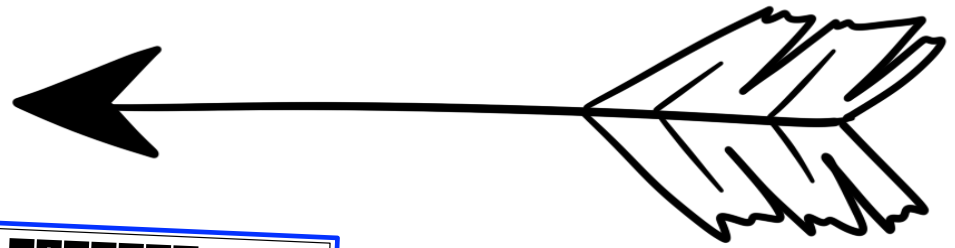
Occupation: Aviator

Born: July 24, 1897 in Kansas

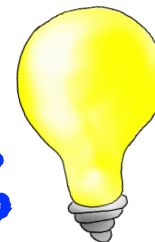
Died: Disappeared on July 2, 1937 over the Pacific Ocean. She was declared dead on January 5, 1939.

Amelia Earhart was the first woman to fly alone across the Atlantic Ocean.

Amelia was always known as being adventurous and built a homemade rollercoaster at the age of seven. She told her sister that it "was just like flying". After high school, she became a nurse's aide in World War I, studied to become a mechanic, then went back to school to study medicine. In 1920, Amelia flew for the first time at an air show in California. She fell in love with flying, started taking flying lessons, and eventually bought her own plane. Amelia named it "Canary" because it was bright yellow. She earned her pilot's license and set an altitude record for female pilots of 14,000 feet. In 1928, Amelia was invited to fly across the Atlantic with two males. Amelia was the navigator and led the group to success. They landed in Wales, making her the first woman to fly across the Atlantic. Amelia wanted to make this same trip across the Atlantic, but wanted to be the pilot and make the flight by herself. In 1932, she became the second person to make that trip solo. Amelia Earhart was still not satisfied. She wanted to become the first woman to fly around the world. In June of 1937, Amelia and Fred Noonan (her navigator) left Florida, flew across Africa and Asia to New Guinea in the South Pacific. On July 2, 1937 they took off from New Guinea to fly to Howland Island in the Pacific Ocean, but they were never seen again. The United States searched, but never found Amelia or the plane.

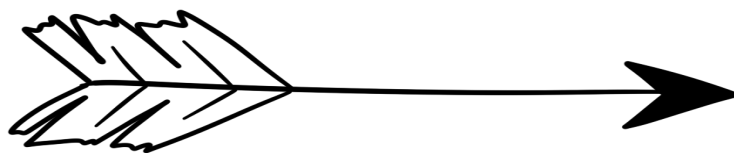


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- Albert Einstein
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- Johannes Gutenberg
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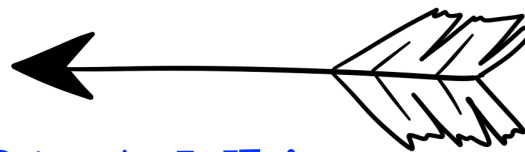
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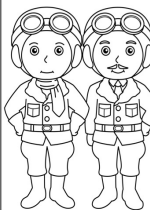
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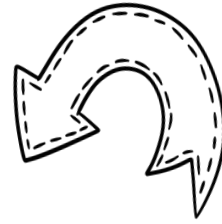
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TWO QUESTION PAGE OPTIONS

Option 1:
A separate page for each inventor.



FAMOUS INVENTORS

Amelia Earhart
1. If you could interview Amelia, what questions would you ask her?
2. What do you consider to be Amelia's greatest achievement?
3. What jobs did Amelia have in her lifetime?

Benjamin Franklin
1. If you could interview Benjamin, what questions would you ask him?
2. What do you consider to be Benjamin's greatest achievement?
3. How do you think Benjamin's inventions changed the world?

Thomas Edison
1. If you could interview Thomas, what questions would you ask him?
2. What do you consider to be Thomas' greatest achievement?
3. How do you think it helped Thomas to have employees working for him?

Albert Einstein
1. If you could interview Albert, what questions would you ask him?
2. What do you consider to be Albert's greatest achievement?
3. Why do you think Albert was offered the presidency of Israel?

Marie Curie
1. If you could interview Marie, what would you ask her?
2. What do you consider to be Marie's greatest achievement?
3. Do you think Marie would change anything her life if she had the power to change it?

Name: _____ Date: _____

FAMOUS INVENTORS

Steve Jobs
1. If you could interview Steve, what questions would you ask him?
2. What do you consider to be Steve's greatest achievement?
3. Do you think Steve would have had the same life if he wasn't adopted by the same parents? Why?

Johannes Gutenberg
1. If you could interview Johannes, what questions would you ask him?
2. What do you consider to be Johannes' greatest achievement?
3. How do you think Johannes' inventions changed the world?

Wright Brothers
1. If you could interview the Wright Brothers, what questions would you ask them?
2. What do you consider to be the Wright Brothers' greatest achievement?
3. Why did their father not want them to ever fly together again?

El Whitney
1. If you could interview El, what questions would you ask him?
2. What do you consider to be El's greatest achievement?
3. How did not having money cause El problems throughout his life?

George Washington Carver
1. If you could interview George, what would you ask him?
2. What do you consider to be George's greatest achievement?
3. How did George Washington Carver's ideas help improve farming?

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Option 2:
Questions for all 10 inventors on 2 pages

WRIGHT BROTHERS

1. What is your favorite thing about the Wright brothers? Why?

2. Why do you think their father asked them to never fly together again?

3. How would the world be different if the Wright brothers was never born?

4. If you could learn more about the Wright brothers, what would you want to know?

5. If the Wright brothers was born during our time, what do you think would have been different about his life?

6. Write three words you would use to describe the Wright brothers and explain why you chose those words.

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Students will read the informational text passages and answer the questions on the next page.

