



Amelia
Earhart

Aim

- I can answer questions about Amelia Earhart's life

Success Criteria

- I can find the answer to questions about Amelia Earhart in the text.
- I can ask questions about Amelia Earhart

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.

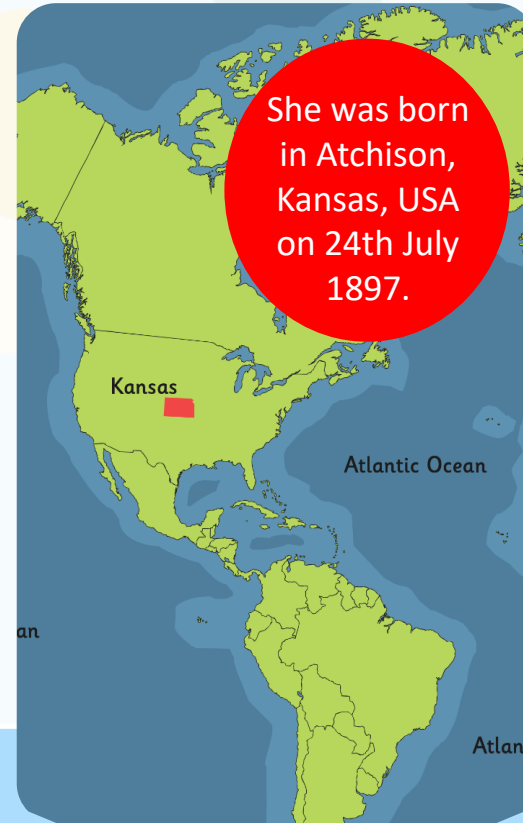
Amelia Jane Earhart is one of America's most well-known and adventurous **aviators**.



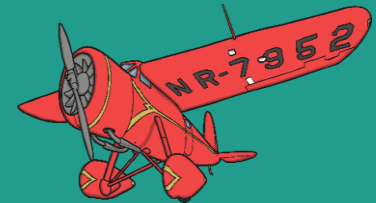
She is famous because she was the first female **pilot** to fly alone across the Atlantic Ocean.



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.



Her Big Adventures

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

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.



Watch this: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vN1o6u7Zo9A>

A Sad End

On 20th May 1937, Amelia and her **navigator**, Fred Noonan, left Oakland, USA and began 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 (who were on the path they would be flying) were ordered to burn every light to act as markers to guide them in.

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

A lighthouse was built on Howland Island in her memory.



Amelia Earhart sitting in the **cockpit** of the Lockheed Electra plane she flew in her last adventure.



Independent work

Find more out about Amelia's life by answering the questions on the worksheet. If you need help, I've included a biography sheet.

Yellow Group
LO: I can answer questions about Amelia Earhart's life
I worked independently 0
I needed some support 0
I needed a lot of support 0

3rd February 2021

Success criteria
I can find the answer to questions about Amelia Earhart in the text 0

1. When was Amelia born? Tick one.

☐ July 1777
☐ July 1897
☐ July 1888

2. Who did Amelia live with? Tick two.

☐ mother and father
☐ brother
☐ sister

3. Match the year with the flying event in Amelia's life.

1921	Amelia got her licence to fly.
1923	Amelia was the first woman to fly alone across the Atlantic Ocean.
1932	Amelia bought her first plane.

4. Who was her guide on her last flight?

5. What was built on Howland Island to remind people of Amelia?

Amelia Earhart

Amelia was born in July 1897 in the United States. She is well-known for being the first female pilot to fly alone across the Atlantic Ocean.



Amelia's Childhood

Amelia lived with her mother, father and her sister, Grace. Amelia and Grace liked to climb trees, hunt for rats and ride on sledges. Amelia and her sister also wore bloomers rather than dresses. This was not common for girls at this time. Amelia enjoyed learning about women with interesting jobs that were usually only done by men.

Amelia's Flying



Amelia took up flying when she was just 23 years old. In 1921, she bought her first plane. It was bright yellow and she named it 'The Canary' after the bird.

In 1923, she got her licence to fly. She spent many years taking part in many trips and joint flights. Then, in May 1932, she became the first woman to fly alone across the Atlantic Ocean.

Amelia's Last Flight



On 20th May 1937, Amelia and her guide (Fred Noonan) began a trip to fly all the way around the world. On 2nd July, Amelia and Fred tried to fly to Howland Island. Sadly, due to bad weather and low fuel they never made it to the island. A lighthouse was built on Howland Island to remind people of Amelia and her adventures.