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Amelia Earhart

Amelia Earhart was born in 1897, in Atchison, Kansas. Amelia spent much of her childhood living with her grandparents due to her parents' unstable financial situation. Perhaps it was this lack of stability as a child that made Amelia determined to succeed on her own. She became extremely independent and wanted to be able to take care of herself rather than relying on anyone else.

During World War I, Amelia volunteered for the Red Cross. Tending to the wounded, she met many pilots. During this period of her life, she became extremely interested in aviation. Then, at an air show in 1920, she took a plane ride. It is at this point she became certain she wanted to become a pilot. By 1923, she was given a pilot's license and was only the sixteenth woman to be issued such a license to fly.

Amelia Earhart would eventually become the first female pilot to fly across the Atlantic Ocean. After her famous flight, she was honored by a reception given for her where she would meet President Coolidge. After this experience, Amelia wanted more of flying. Unlike her first trip, she wanted to fly across the Atlantic Ocean solo. By 1932, she had reached her goal.

Amelia Earhart's love of flying would eventually lead to her death. In 1937, a flight across the Pacific would be her last. Her plane went down somewhere in the Pacific Ocean. Millions of dollars were spent in rescue attempts, but no rescue was ever made. On January 5, 1939, Amelia Earhart was declared legally dead, although her body was never found.

Text Questions

1. Summarize the text in two complete sentences.

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2. Which event seems most likely to have made Amelia Earhart extremely independent?
   a. being first-born in her family
   b. learning to fly
   c. having a financially unstable childhood
   d. learning to read at an early age

3. The word *aviation*, as it is used in the second paragraph, most likely deals with which of the following?
   a. the study of birds
   b. the study of ancient artifacts
   c. the study of weather patterns
   d. the study of flight

4. Using information from the text, list in sequential order three things that happened to Amelia Earhart.
   a. _____
   b. _____
   c. _____

5. Based on information from the text, if Amelia Earhart had not died on her last flight, which of the events would have most likely occurred?
   a. She would have never flown again.
   b. She would have continued flying.
   c. She would have begun designing airplanes.
   d. She would have started a school for airplane mechanics.

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