

# Reading Comprehension

Name:



Charles Lindbergh,  
1902–1974

At the beginning of the twentieth century, flight was new. It was not for everyone. It was only for the brave and adventurous. Two adventurers were Charles Lindbergh and Amelia Earhart.

Charles Lindbergh loved to fly. He was born in 1902, one year before the Wright brothers' historic flight. In 1927, a man offered a \$25,000 reward for the first person to fly from New York to Paris nonstop. Lindbergh was a pilot for the United States Mail Service at that time. He wanted to win the prize.

He became famous because he was the first person to fly alone across the Atlantic Ocean. His plane was in the air for 33 hours. The distance of the flight was 3,600 miles. There were thousands of people in New York to welcome him home. He was an American hero. He was only 25 years old.

Another famous American aviator<sup>5</sup> was Amelia Earhart. She was the first woman to fly across the Atlantic Ocean alone. She was 34 years old. Americans were in love with Earhart. In 1937, however, she was on a flight around the world when her plane disappeared somewhere in the Pacific Ocean. No one really knows what happened to Earhart.



Amelia Earhart,  
1897–1937

1. Why was flight not for everyone?

2. When were they born?

He:

She:

3. Where were they from?

4. What were their professions?

5. Why was he famous?

6. How old were they when they crossed the Atlantic?

He:

She:

7. Why was she famous?

8. Where was she when her plane disappeared?