



Amelia Earhart with her plane "The Canary"

Who is Amelia Earhart?

Amelia Earhart was an aviation pioneer - the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean.

Earhart, born in 1897, didn't discover flying until she was in her mid 20's. Until then, she couldn't quite figure out what she wanted to do. She was a volunteer nurse in Canada during World War 1, went to medical school for a while, and even spent time working as a mechanic.

In 1920 Amelia Earhart went to a California air show with her father. After a ride in an airplane she knew what she wanted. She started taking lessons right away and soon became an excellent pilot. Within 6 months of getting her license she purchased her first plane. It was bright yellow and she named it The Canary.

In just a few years, Amelia Earhart began to break records. She broke the altitude record of 14,000 feet. Then, in 1928, she was invited to be the navigator on a flight across the Atlantic. She was the first woman to make that journey.

Four years later, in 1932, Earhart tried the same trip across the Atlantic, but this time she wanted to pilot the airplane by herself. Bad weather forced her to land in Ireland instead of Paris. In spite of that, she was successful in becoming the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic.

Amelia Earhart continued to fly. She also wrote and gave speeches about flying and women's rights. First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt was so inspired by Earhart that she signed up for flying lessons. Roosevelt got a student permit, but never followed through with the lessons.

In 1937, Earhart tried to fly around the world, but disappeared somewhere in the South Pacific. Neither her plane nor her remains have ever been found.

Questions for "Who is Amelia Earhart?"

1. What name did Earhart give her first airplane?

The Canary Piper Atlantic

2. When was Amelia Earhart born?

1897 1920 1928

3. In what year did Amelia Earhart fly across the Atlantic alone?

1920 1928 1932

4. First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt took flying lessons from Earhart.

True False It doesn't say in the story.

5. Which of these jobs did Amelia Earhart NOT do?

mechanic volunteer nurse school teacher

6. Where was Earhart supposed to land in her historic 1932 flight across the Atlantic?

Ireland London Paris

7. Where did Earhart land in her historic 1932 flight across the Atlantic?

Ireland London Paris

8. Where did Earhart first discover her love of flying?

at a California air show in Canada in Paris

9. What does "solo" mean?

as a co-pilot by yourself without radio contact

10. Which of these did Amelia Earhart NOT do?

fly around the world

fly across the Atlantic Ocean

break an altitude record

