

- Fill in the blanks with the suitable verb in past simple.

(launch, begin, be (x2), invent, burn, survive, fill, watch, send, make, last)

The Montgolfier Brothers

Joseph (1740-1810) and Jacques Etienne (1745-1799) Montgolfier two French brothers who _____ the first successful hot-air balloon. They _____ their first balloon in December, 1782. Almost a year later, the first trip _____ possible.

Joseph and Jacques Etienne _____ a paper balloon, they _____ wet straw and _____ it with hot air. It _____ to rise because hot air is lighter than the rest of the air. The first passengers in a hot-air balloon _____ a rooster, a sheep and a duck, whom the Montgolfier Brothers _____ up to an altitude of 1640 ft (500 m) on September 19, 1783. The trip _____ for 8 minutes. The animals _____ the landing. King Louis XVI and queen Marie Antoinette of France _____ this event.