



## The Wright Brothers Make History

Use the banks to fill in the missing verbs. Change the verbs to past simple and write them in the correct place. There are more verbs than you need in each bank.

Over 100 years ago, people only \_\_\_\_\_ about flying. The Wright brothers, Wilbur and Orville, were dreamers who \_\_\_\_\_ the world. Wilbur Wright was born in 1867 and Orville was born in 1871. In 1878, they \_\_\_\_\_ a paper flying toy from their father. They \_\_\_\_\_ with kites and started to think about the possibility of flight.

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When they were older, they \_\_\_\_\_ a bicycle business. They \_\_\_\_\_ the bicycle shop to design their airplanes. They \_\_\_\_\_ three aspects of flying: lift, control, and power. In 1899, they \_\_\_\_\_ their first flying machine—a kite made of wood, wire, and cloth. It had no pilot. Because of wind, it was difficult to control. They \_\_\_\_\_ to study aerodynamics.

**Bank 2: finish continue construct help study start clean use paint**

Finally Wilbur \_\_\_\_\_ a small machine with a gasoline engine. Wilbur \_\_\_\_\_ to fly the machine, but it \_\_\_\_\_. They \_\_\_\_\_ it and flew it for the first time on December 17, 1903, with Orville as the pilot. The airplane \_\_\_\_\_ in the air for twelve seconds. It \_\_\_\_\_ a distance of 120 feet. This historic flight \_\_\_\_\_ the world. However, only four newspapers in the U.S. \_\_\_\_\_ this historic moment.

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The Wright brothers offered their invention to the U.S. government, but the government \_\_\_\_\_ their offer at first. The government didn't believe that these men \_\_\_\_\_ a flying machine. Finally, President Theodore Roosevelt \_\_\_\_\_ their claims and \_\_\_\_\_ the inventors a contract to build airplanes for the U.S. Army.

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December 17, 2003, \_\_\_\_\_ 100 years of flight. There was a six-day celebration at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, the location of the first flight. A crowd of 35,000 people \_\_\_\_\_ to see a replica of the first plane fly. The cost to re-create the plane was \$1.2 million. However, it \_\_\_\_\_ hard that day and the plane \_\_\_\_\_ to get off the ground.

You can now see the Wright brothers' original airplane in the Air and Space Museum in Washington, D.C.

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