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### Two Unsolved Mysteries Continue to Fascinate

So you think there are no more mysteries, that all mysteries are solved in time? Think again. The pages of history are full of mysteries that 1. (solve) not / crack. Consider, for example, the case of the ship *Mary Celeste*. The ship had left New York for Italy in 1872. Later it 3. (sight) floating east of the Azores. No one 4. (find) on board, though everything 5. (determine) to be in order, and there was no indication why the *Mary Celeste* 6. (abandon). Apparently, in fact, tables 7. (set) for afternoon tea. One theory speculates that the ship 8. (might / threaten) by an explosion that 9. (cause) by fumes from its cargo of alcohol. That theory, however, 10. (not prove). A second perplexing mystery is that of Amelia Earhart, the famous aviator who in the 1920s and 1930s 11. (consider) the best example of an adventurous woman. Earhart flew across the Atlantic with two men in 1928 and set a record for a cross-Atlantic flight in 1932. In 1937 she embarked on her most ambitious plan, a flight around the world. Earhart began her flight in Miami in June and 12. (accompany) only by Fred Noonan, her navigator. They reached New Guinea and left for Howland in the South Pacific on July 1. After that, no radio reports or messages of any kind 13. (receive). No remains of her plane 14. (discover) by naval investigators in the years since then. Did she simply attempt the impossible? 15. (Could / she and Noonan / kill) when her plane ran out of fuel and crashed? Or could something else have happened? No one really knows. For the time being, at least, the riddle of the *Mary Celeste* and the fate of Amelia Earhart will have to remain mysterious. Some may think they 16. (should / not solve) at all.

