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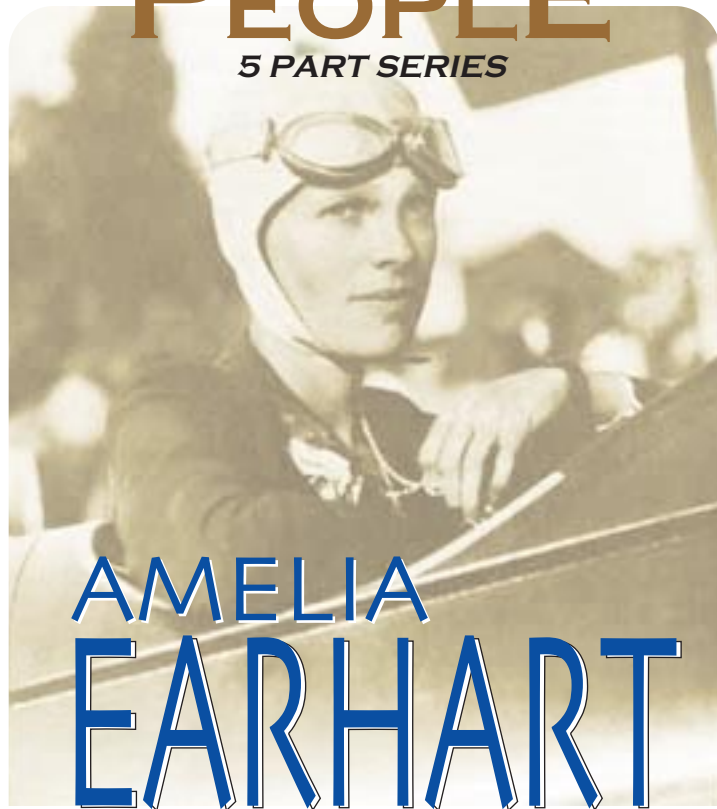
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*(1897-1937?)*

**INSTRUCTIONAL GUIDE**

## INTRODUCTION TO SERIES

Designed to enhance the social studies / humanities curriculum for the intermediate aged student on up. The Biographies of Famous People Series features men and women who are from divergent walks of life, and geographic regions of North America, who have made a recognized and significant contribution to the history of the United States.

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Vocabulary  
Biography  
Chronology / Q & A  
Discussion Points / Activities

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## Other Famous People

**MADAM CURIE:** French scientist who discovered radiation.

**ALBERT EINSTEIN:** Swiss physicist who developed the theory of relativity which changed how science views the world.

**HENRY FORD:** Automobile manufacturer who pioneered the assembly line and mass production.

**WRIGHT BROTHERS:** Aviation pioneers who were the first to successfully fly a powered driven airplane.

### **Consider Visiting These Web Sites:**

<http://www.ameliaearhart.com/index.html>

[http://www.ellensplace.net/eae\\_intr.html](http://www.ellensplace.net/eae_intr.html)

<http://www.earhart.org/>

# AMELIA EARHART

**Fill in the blank by selecting the words from the answers list:**

**ANSWERS LIST :**

Fred Noodle • World Depression • Peacock • Pretty Pink Derby  
Great Depression • Fred Noonan • Trans-Pacific Flights  
Powder Puff Derby • Trans-Atlantic Flights • Canary

- 9. A)** Earhart successfully completed two \_\_\_\_\_ ;  
1) In 1928 she commanded a three pilot crew; 2) In 1932 she became the first woman to fly alone across the Atlantic Ocean.
- B)** Earhart's first airplane the \_\_\_\_\_ was used to set a new women's altitude record of 14,000 feet.
- C)** A cross-country race called the \_\_\_\_\_ was organized by Amelia Earhart in 1929 to promote women in aviation.
- D)** The economic climate known as the \_\_\_\_\_ was present during much of Earhart's aviation career.
- E)** \_\_\_\_\_ was Earhart's navigator during an around the world flight where both were mysteriously lost while flying across the Pacific Ocean.

Considered one of the greatest aviators of all time, Amelia Earhart soared into the roaring twenties breaking records for flight speed, altitude and long distance. Her litany of achievements came less than twenty years after the Wright Brothers flew their first airplane in 1903.

Amelia amazed the world with her aviating prowess during a time in America when the stock market crashed, the Great Depression erupted, and women were painfully restricted. Her triumphs include two Trans-Atlantic flights; once as the commander of a three person crew, then again when she became the first woman to fly solo. Nicknamed "Lady Lindy", Earhart challenged her adventurous spirit again by flying solo during a Trans-Pacific flight from Hawaii to California.

After being greeted by ticker-tape parades and presidential medals, Earhart's desire to grace the skies continued. Her last flight, a flight around the world, proved to be her most dangerous and mysterious. On June 1, 1937 Earhart and her navigator Fred Noonan, left Miami, Florida and with 7,000 miles left on a 29,000 mile flight they were never heard from again. Today the theories abound and the mystery remains . . .

*"Courage is the price that life exacts for granting peace."  
-Amelia Earhart*

## VOCABULARY of *Amelia Earhart*

**AMELIA EARHART:** One of the greatest aviators of all time. Her achievements include; the first woman to fly alone across the Atlantic Ocean; the first woman to cross the Atlantic in the shortest time; set a Trans-Atlantic long distance record for women; first pilot to carry a two-way radio telephone onboard a Trans-Pacific flight. Her aviation career ended when her plane mysteriously disappeared while crossing the Pacific Ocean during an around the world flight.

**ANITA SNOOK:** One of the first woman pilots who became Earhart's first flight instructor.

**AVIATRIX:** Female aviator or pilot.

**BIPLANES:** A type of airplane with double wings which Earhart saw at a stunt flying demonstration where she took her first flight in 1920.

**CANARY:** The name given to Earhart's first airplane. The plane was used by Earhart during a flight which set a new women's altitude record of 14,000 feet.

**CHARLES LINDBERGH:** In 1927 he became the first person to successfully fly solo and non-stop across the Atlantic Ocean.

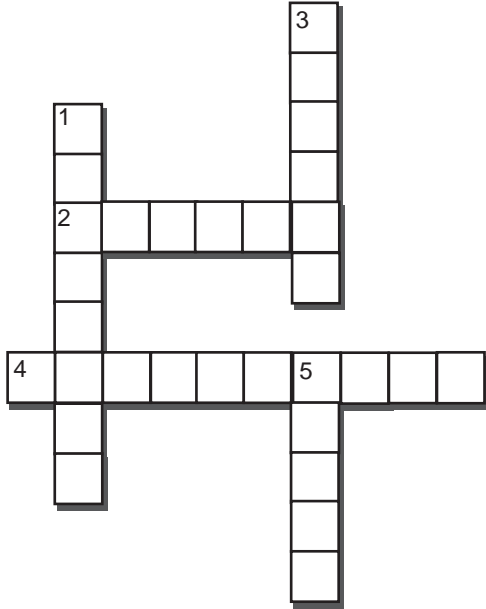
**FRED NOONAN:** Earhart's navigator during an around the world flight where both were mysteriously lost while flying across the Pacific Ocean.

**FRIENDSHIP:** Name given to the plane Earhart commanded during a Trans-Atlantic flight with two other pilots. The flight departed from Halifax, Nova Scotia and after 20 hours and 40 minutes lands at Burry Port, South Wales. Earhart becomes the first woman to successfully fly across the Atlantic Ocean.

## Discussion Points / Activities

1. Amelia Earhart has been a great role model for women. Have students write a biography about other famous women who have helped promote women issues. How were they similar to Amelia Earhart? How were they different?
2. Planes have dramatically evolved since the Wright Brothers first flight in 1903. Have students present the evolution of aviation history. How has it changed since Earhart's aviation career? Create posters with illustrations (use a computer), narrate a slide presentation, present & describe model airplanes to the class etc.
3. If possible visit a museum or military base to observe the planes used by Earhart and other aviators. How has aviation changed? Use the internet to research the history of aviation.
4. Setting goals was an important part of Amelia Earhart's many achievements. Have students define what goals they would like to achieve during the school year. For example: achieve better grades; make new friends; get more involved with school activities; improve a relationship with a parent, teacher or friend, etc.
5. Invite a pilot to your school and have him or her explain how to fly a plane, the history of aviation and its future.
6. Like Amelia Earhart, many pioneers have used technology and science to break records and push the human spirit beyond its normal capacity. Instruct the students to research other pioneers who have advanced the knowledge of science and technology into new and unexplored areas.

Use the words described in this guide on pgs. 2, 3 & 5 to complete the crossword.



**DOWN:**

- 1) Female Pilot
- 3) Earhart's Husband
- 5) Earhart's first flight instructor.

**ACROSS:**

- 2) Last to contact Earhart before disappearance.
- 4) Plane Earhart commanded during a Trans-Atlantic flight with two other pilots.

**ANSWERS:**  
 Down - (1) Aviatix, (3) Putman, (5) Snook  
 Across - (2) Itasca, (4) Friendship

**GEORGE PUTMAN:** New York Publisher who in 1928 invited Amelia Earhart to command a three person crew for a Trans-Atlantic flight. He later married Earhart.

**GREAT DEPRESSION:** 1929-1934 The name given to describe the world's economic climate which included high levels of unemployment and a decrease in productivity and prices.

**ITASCA:** Name of the U.S. Coast Guard ship whose crew members became the last people to communicate with Earhart and Noonan before their plane mysteriously disappeared.

**LOCKHEED ELECTRA:** The airplane flown during Earhart's unsuccessful flight around the world.

**NINETY NINERS:** A women's pilot organization which was created by Earhart who also served as its first president.

**POWDER-PUFF DERBY:** A cross-country race for women pilots organized by Amelia Earhart in 1929 to promote women in aviation.

**STOCK MARKET CRASH of 1929:** An economic situation occurring in the U.S. stock market when the prices of stocks fell so dramatically that it resulted in mass bankruptcies. This eventually triggered the economic climate known as the "Great Depression".

**TRANS-ATLANTIC FLIGHT:** Earhart successfully completed two Trans-Atlantic Flights; 1) In 1928 she commanded a three pilot crew; 2) In 1932 she became the first woman to fly alone across the Atlantic Ocean.

**TRANS-PACIFIC FLIGHT:** In 1935, Earhart successfully completed a flight from Hawaii to Oakland, California where she became the first pilot to carry a two-way radio telephone onboard.

## CHRONOLOGY of *Amelia Earhart*

- **1897:** Birth of Amelia Earhart.
- **1903:** The Wright Brothers first successful airplane flight.
- **1908:** Amelia's father accepts a position with the Rock Island Line Railroad in Des Moines, Iowa.
- **1914:** World War I begins.
- **1920:** Amelia's family moves to California. Earhart experiences her first airplane flight and purchases her first plane— the Canary. Women in the United States win the right to vote.
- **1922:** After flying the Canary 14,000 feet, Amelia sets a new women's altitude record .
- **1926:** George Putman invites Earhart to command a Trans-Atlantic flight with two other pilots.
- **1927:** Charles Lindbergh becomes the first person to fly solo and non-stop across the Atlantic Ocean.
- **1928:** Earhart becomes the first woman to fly across the Atlantic Ocean.
- **1929:** Earhart organizes a cross country race for women pilots nicknamed the Powder Puff Derby. The Stock Market crashes and the Great Depression begins.
- **1930:** Earhart marries New York publisher George Putman.
- **1932:** Earhart becomes the first woman to successfully fly alone across the Atlantic Ocean.
- **1935:** Earhart becomes the first pilot to carry a two-way radio telephone onboard during a Trans-Pacific flight from Hawaii to California.
- **1937:** The plane of Earhart and navigator Fred Noonan disappears over the Pacific Ocean during a flight around the world.

## Q & A for *Amelia Earhart*

1. The 20th century was a time of great discovery in science and technology. Describe some famous 20th century people and their revolutionary discoveries and accomplishments.
2. Describe Earhart's early upbringing and how she became interested in flying airplanes.
3. Earhart became the first woman to successfully fly alone across the Atlantic Ocean. Who became the first pilot to successfully complete a solo flight across the Atlantic Ocean?
4. During her Trans-Pacific flight in 1935 Earhart again became a "first" in aviation. During this flight what did she become "first" to do?
5. Earhart's aviation career happened during a time in America when women were painfully restricted. How did Earhart promote women especially in the area of aviation?
6. Nine ships and sixty-six aircraft searched for Earhart's lost plane in the Pacific Ocean. What record was Earhart hoping to achieve on this trip?
7. There are several theories which explain what happened to Earhart's Lockheed Electra airplane over the waters of the Pacific Ocean. Describe some of the theories.