

# Non-Fiction Article

{Who Was D.B. Cooper?}

PDF & Digital Editions



## 2 Peas and a Dog

Middle School Teaching Resources



# RESOURCE INCLUDES

- Lesson Plan
- Teacher Instructions
- Individual PDFs for Google Drive
- Google Slides for 1:1 Schools
- Audio files of the articles
- Pre-reading K-W-L chart
- Non-fiction article (modified and regular text)
- 3 Post reading activities
  - ✓ Comprehension questions
  - ✓ Grammar questions
  - ✓ Long response writing

# EXAMPLE PAGES

## D.B. COOPER



### Unsolved Mystery

The only unsolved case of skyjacking in American history occurred on November 24, 1971. On this day, a man purchased a plane ticket in cash under the name Dan Cooper. After this event, a miscommunication occurred and media broadcast his name as D.B. Cooper.

### Boarding The Plane

On November 24, 1971 a man named Dan Cooper, requested a one-way ticket from Portland, Oregon to Seattle, Washington at the Northwest Orient Airlines ticket counter. He purchased his ticket with cash leaving no paper trail.

He was a Caucasian male in his late-forties, last seen wearing a dark-coloured suit. He boarded flight 305 and sat at the back of the plane. He ordered a drink.

### The Note

Not long after take-off, Cooper gave a note to one of the flight attendants. At first, the flight attendant didn't look at the note and simply put it in her pocket thinking she could read it later. When she made her way past Cooper again, he mentioned that she should read the note immediately.

## K-W-L CHART

Topic:		
K	W	L
What do I already know about this topic?	What do I want to know about this topic?	What new things did I learn about this topic from the article?

## SAMPLE ANSWERS

What happened once the plane landed in Seattle?

The flight landed safely in Seattle, Washington, where the 36 passengers were allowed to get off the plane in exchange for the cash, parachutes and jet fuel.

How did D.B. Cooper escape from the plane headed to Mexico?

He jumped from the rear staircase.

What did a young boy find in 1980?

He found a buried package of twenty-dollar bills (approximately \$5,800 of the \$200,000) whose serial numbers matched the ransom money.

What did the FBI do in 2016 about this case?

They closed the case.

<https://www.2peasandadog.com>

# LESSON PLAN



## Bermuda Triangle

### Lesson Overview:

Students will work on their non-fiction reading skills while reading this article.

### Materials Needed:

Photocopy a class set of the following, or use the provided Google Slides version for 1:1 technology schools:

- K-W-L Chart
- Non-fiction article: regular or modified version (audio file also included)
- Comprehension questions: regular or modified version
- Think questions (selected)
- Grammar questions (also available as a self-marking Google Form Quiz)

- Video #1 [Bermuda Triangle: what happened to Flight 19? - ABC](#)
- Video #2 [Bermuda Triangle Mysteries: Supernatural Or Science? - TODAY](#)

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**PREVIEW**

# D.B. COOPER



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## Boarding the Plane

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He was a Caucasian male in his late-40s, 5'10" tall, wearing a dark-colored suit. He boarded flight 305 at the back of the plane. He ordered a drink.

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