

Non-Fiction Article

{The Disappearance of Amelia Earhart}

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EXAMPLE PAGES

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Amelia Earhart / Wikimedia Commons

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Who was Amelia Earhart?
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As a young adult in 1918, Earhart lived in Toronto and worked as a nurse's aide. She would spend her time watching the Royal Flying Corps at a nearby field and she got to know a lot of wounded pilots.

When she was 23, Earhart moved to Los Angeles. Shortly after she arrived in 1920, she flew as a passenger in a plane. Earhart wanted more though, and she took her first flying lesson in January 1921. She was a natural aviator.

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When she was 24, Earhart bought her first plane with money she borrowed from her family. It was a used yellow Kinner Airster with 2 seats. She called it "The Canary."

Her first flight did not go as planned. The engine lost power, the plane hit trees and then crashed to the ground.

Earhart reportedly climbed out of the plane, checked to make sure the instructor was all right, and then went back to the cockpit to put on makeup just in case any reporters showed up.

The plane was fixed, and in December 1921, Earhart got her pilot's licence in the United States.

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?

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THINKING QUESTION

Assessment	Below Expectations	Meets Expectations	Above Expectations
	✓-	✓	✓+

Which Amelia Earhart disappearance theory do you think is the most likely? Explain your thinking.

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SAMPLE ANSWERS

Who was Amelia Earhart?

Amelia Earhart was an American female aviator who disappeared on a flight around the world in 1937.

What uncommon interests did Amelia Earhart have?

Amelia Earhart had several interests that were uncommon for girls at the time, including mechanics and basketball.

What was Amelia Earhart's first airplane nicknamed?

Amelia Earhart's first airplane was nicknamed "The Canary".

List the "firsts as a female pilot" that Amelia Earhart is credited with.

Amelia Earhart is credited with several records as a female pilot, including the first female pilot to fly solo above 14,000 feet, to fly non-stop across the United States, to fly across the Atlantic Ocean, and to fly solo from Hawaii to the U.S. mainland.

What stops did Amelia Earhart and Fred Noonan make on their flight around the world?

After taking off from Miami, Florida, Earhart and Noonan made stops in Africa, South America, India, and New Guinea.

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PREVIEW