

Amelia Earhart

Amelia Earhart was a daring American aviator who was born in Atchison, Kansas on July 24, 1897. After attending an air show in California in 1920, she knew she had to fly! In 1932, Amelia Earhart became the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean. After her 15-hour flight she received many honors and became an international hero. In 1937, Earhart decided she would attempt flying around the world at its widest point, the equator. Twenty-nine days into this flight, Earhart and her navigator, George Noonan disappeared over the Pacific. No trace of them or the plane was found after an extensive search, and their disappearance remains one of the great mysteries of all time.

Essential Vocabulary

pilot – a person who flies an airplane, helicopter, etc.

pioneer – someone who is one of the first people to do something or go somewhere; a person who helps create or develop new ideas or methods

solo flight – piloting a plane alone, without a co-pilot, crew or passengers

navigation – finding your way from one place to another, often meant when traveling in a ship, boat, or car

Lesson Starters

What Makes a Hero?

Amelia Earhart is often described as a heroine. Have your students research historical figures they believe deserve the title hero, and write a personal essay that backs up their claim.

What's Your First?

Amelia Earhart was the first woman to fly as a passenger across the Atlantic Ocean. Then, she became the first female pilot to fly across the ocean. Have students travel forward in time to create a news article or press release telling the world about their future accomplishment as the first person to ever...

Science Connection: Making a Compass With a magnet, needle, paper, and small bowl of water, make a working compass in a few simple steps.

Descriptive Writing Art Activity: Map Mania

Students navigate through lines of latitude and longitude to create a visual map that provides a setting for a descriptive story.



Resource Connection

The Flight of Amelia Earhart

- [Teacher's Guide](#)
- [Write a News Story](#)
- [Meet a Pioneer Pilot](#)
- [Amelia Earhart Interactive Timeline](#)

Unit Plan

[Flying through History: An Inquiry into Aviation](#)

Lesson Plan

[Research for Informational Writing](#)

Nonfiction News Article from Scholastic News

[Amelia Earhart's Crash Site Found?](#)

[Nonfiction Passage and Crossword Puzzle](#)

Printable Game

[Famous Women Concentration Game](#)

Students will learn about famous women in history during this memory challenge.

Library of Congress Website

[Meet Amazing Americans: Amelia Earhart](#)

Book List

[Grades PreK-5](#)