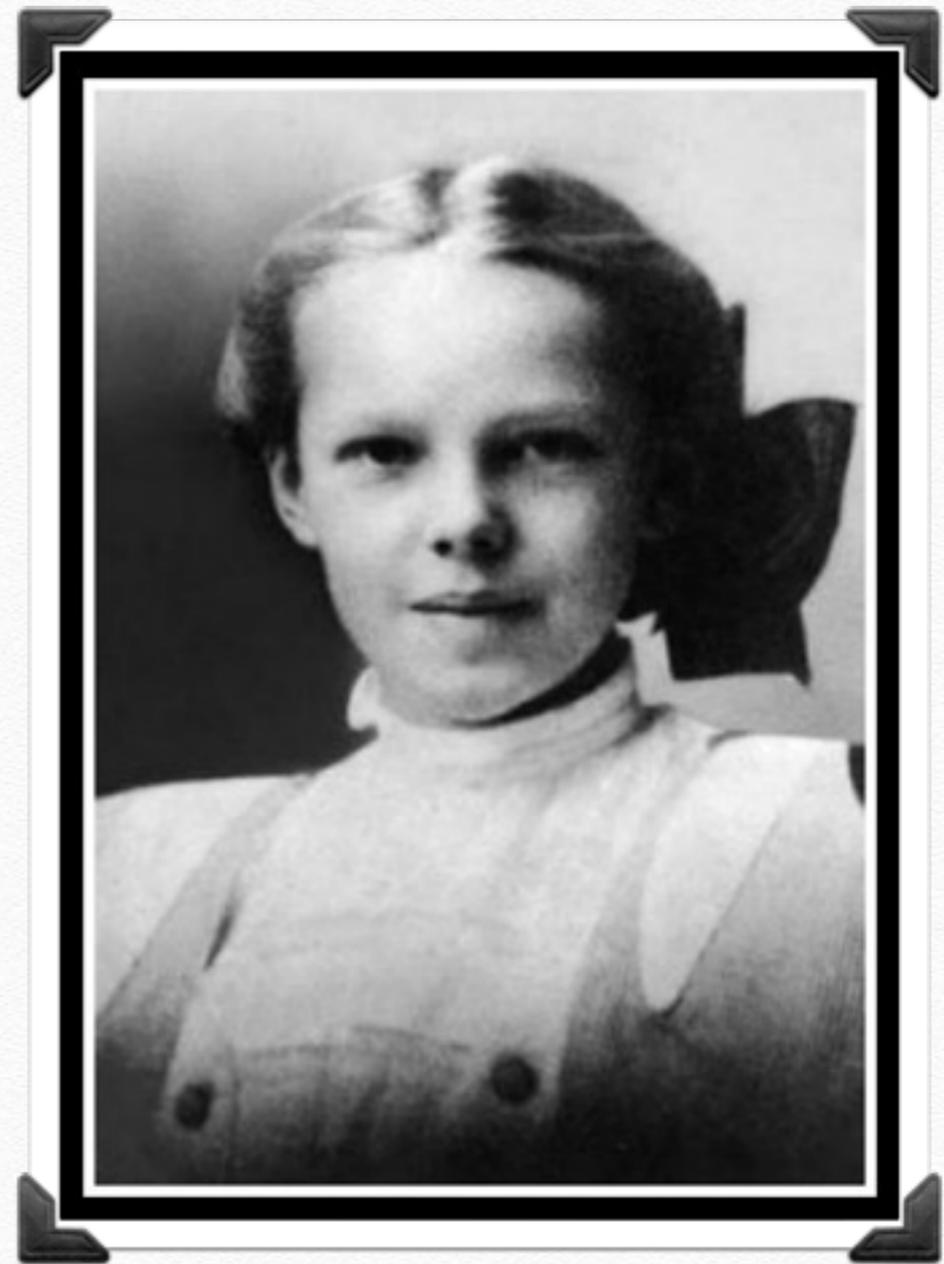


Amelia Earhart

American Aviator

Background

- ❖ Full Name: Amelia Mary Earhart
- ❖ Born: July 24, 1897
- ❖ Hometown: Atchison, Kansas
- ❖ Family: A dysfunctional family taught Amelia independence
- ❖ Work: Nurse's aide in military hospital (Canada, WWI)
- ❖ Education: Columbia University
- ❖ Marriage: George Putnam



“On December 28, 1920, pilot Frank Hawks gave her a ride that would forever change her life. ‘By the time I had got two or three hundred feet off the ground, I knew I had to fly.’”

-Amelia Earhart: The Official Website

Inspiration to Fly

- ❖ 10-year-old Amelia was not impressed when she saw her first plane: “It was a thing of rusty wire and wood and looked not at all interesting.”
- ❖ At a Long Beach airshow (1920), Amelia took a plane ride that changed her life.
- ❖ After a 10 minute flight, she knew she had to fly!



Becoming an Aviator

- ❖ First flying lesson:
January 3, 1921
- ❖ After 6 months, she had earned enough money to buy her first plane: Kinner Airster, a bright yellow, two-seater biplane ("The Canary")
- ❖ In this aircraft, she set the record altitude height of a woman: 14,000 ft.



Achieving Fame

- ❖ Amelia agrees to copilot with Wilmer Stultz and Louis E. Gordon (mechanic) across the Atlantic Ocean
- ❖ Their successful flight makes Amelia the first woman to fly the Atlantic Ocean
- ❖ 21 hour flight from Newfoundland to Wales in a Fokker F7 dubbed “Friendship”
- ❖ This achievement launches Amelia’s flying career!



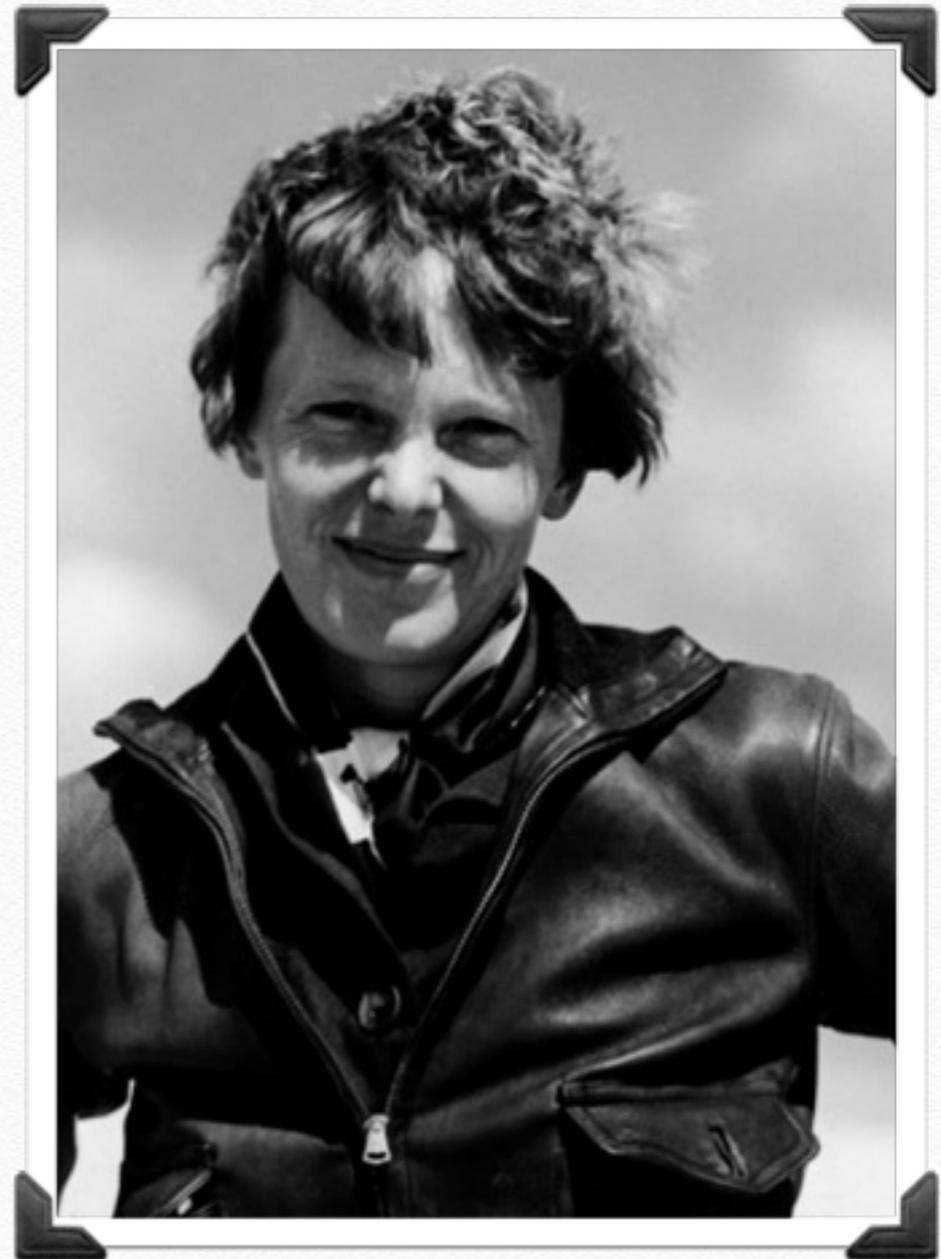
First Woman To...

- ❖ Fly across the Atlantic
- ❖ Fly solo across the Atlantic (on the 5th anniversary of Lindbergh's flight)
- ❖ Fly solo, nonstop coast to coast



First Person To...

- ❖ Solo the 2,408-mile distance across the Pacific (Honolulu & Oakland, CA)
- ❖ Fly solo from Los Angeles to Mexico City
- ❖ Fly solo nonstop from Mexico City to Newark
- ❖ Fly from the Red Sea to India



Records Set

- ❖ Women's altitude record (14,000 ft)
- ❖ Women's speed record for 100 km with no load and a load of 500 kg
- ❖ Speed record for 181.18mph over 3K course (almost 2 miles)
- ❖ Women's nonstop transcontinental speed (2,447.8 mi in 19hrs, 5 min)
- ❖ Broke her own transcontinental speed record by making the same flight in 17hrs, 7 min)



Flight Around the World

- ❖ Sought to be the first woman to fly around the world
- ❖ June 1st, 1937: Departs from Miami with navigator Fred Noonan
- ❖ July 2nd, 1937: 7,000 miles to go... the pair takes off from Lae, New Guinea
- ❖ Amelia flew into cloudy weather; intermittent and staticky radio transmissions limited communication
- ❖ Last report of Earhart: "We are running north and south."



Her Legacy

- ❖ No proof of Earhart's fate exists
- ❖ Awards and scholarships are given in her honor every year
- ❖ Howland Island (her destination from New Guinea) constructed a lighthouse in her memory
- ❖ The world remembers her courage, vision, and groundbreaking achievements for women and aviation.



“My ambition is to have this wonderful gift produce practical results for the future of commercial flying and for the women who may want to fly tomorrow’s planes.”

-Amelia Earhart-

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