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Amelia Earhart



Amelia Earhart (1897 – 1937) was a pioneer in American aviation. She was the first female aviator to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean. Earhart set many records in early aviation history and wrote best-selling books about her experiences as an aviator.

Earhart was born in Atchison, Kansas on July 24, 1897. She was an adventurous child. As a young adult, Earhart was fascinated by flying and gained a lot of flying experience throughout her twenties. In 1928, Earhart became the first female airplane passenger to fly over the Atlantic Ocean. She became a celebrity for this act of courage. Then in 1932, Earhart became the first woman to fly across the Atlantic Ocean solo. She was awarded the United States Distinguished Flying Cross.



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2. When did Amelia Earhart make her solo flight across the Atlantic Ocean?
- a. before World War I
 - b. after World War I and before World War II
 - c. after World War II

3. How old was Amelia Earhart when she disappeared over the Pacific Ocean in 1937? _____

4. Read the following sentence from the passage:

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ANSWER KEY

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