

## Sticky Knowledge

## Overview

**Amelia Earhart** (1897-1937) was an American aviation pioneer, pilot and author.

She was the **first female aviator to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean**. She also set a number of other records and wrote best-selling books.

Earhart was also an important person in setting up the **Ninety-Nines**: an organisation for female pilots. She was also a member of the **National Women's Party**.

She received the **United States Distinguished Flying Cross** for her accomplishments.

Earhart attempted to make a circumnavigational flight of the globe in 1937. However, she and her navigator Fred Noonan **disappeared** somewhere over the central Pacific Ocean (in the vicinity of Howland Island).

A photograph of Earhart from around 1932.



## Times in Her Life

## Early Life



-Amelia Earhart was born in Atchison, Kansas, USA, on July 24<sup>th</sup> 1897.

-They encouraged her from a young age to participate in activities usually left to boys, such as football, baseball, and fishing. She is home-schooled until the age of 12.

## First Flight/ Learning to Fly



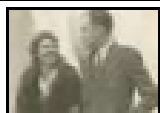
-In 1920, Amelia and her father went to an airfield, and the air racer Frank Hawks gave her a ride. She immediately decided that she wanted to fly!  
-From 1921 to 1922, she was taught to fly by Neta Snook. She received her pilot's licence in 1922.

## Aviation Career



-In 1928, Earhart was the first person to cross the Atlantic in a plane. She didn't take part in the pilotin, but became determined to complete a solo flight. In 1929, Earhart co-founded an organization whose goal it was to advance women's aviation opportunities: The Ninety Nines.  
-On May 20<sup>th</sup> to 21st 1932, she achieved her goal of flying solo across the Atlantic. In August 1932, she then broke the transcontinental speed record by flying from Los Angeles to Newark in 19 hours 5 minutes. She was also the first woman to fly solo from Hawaii to California, overcoming adverse weather conditions.

## Personal Life



-In 1931, Amelia married George P. Putnam.

-Amelia met George in May 1928 when he interviewed her about the transatlantic flight on which she was scheduled to be a passenger. He was divorced, and asked her to marry him 6 times before she agreed. She referred to her marriage as a 'partnership' and 'dual control', which was liberal for the time.

## Disappearance








-Amelia made two attempts to be the first person to fly around the world at its widest point: around the Equator.  
-The first attempt failed in March after a runway crash. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> attempt, her plane lost contact with people on the ground on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 1937, near Howland Island. It was never found.

## Amelia Earhart Timeline

July 24 <sup>th</sup> 1897: Born in Atchison, Kansas, USA.	1909: Attends Hyde Park School in Chicago, Illinois.	1920: First flight, with Frank Hawks. She decides she wants to fly.	1921: First flying lesson and buys first plane.	1922: Sets altitude record for female pilots.	1929: Takes part in her first competitive Women's Air Derby.	1931: Marries George Putnam, a publisher & promoter.	1932: First woman to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean.	1932: First woman to fly solo from US coast to coast.	1937: Makes two attempts to fly around the world.	July 2 <sup>nd</sup> 1937: Disappears near Howland Island.
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<b>Why is Amelia Earhart such an inspiration to people?</b>		<p>-In the 1920s and 1930s, aviation was a relatively new field that was dominated by men.</p> <p>-As the technology was not as advanced as today, flight was far more dangerous, and fatal crashes were common. Earhart demonstrated courage, integrity and an independent spirit to break the mould of what was expected of women at the time. She used her fame to advance women's causes, showing how much could be achieved with determination.</p>	<b>Pilot</b>
<b>What was her greatest achievement?</b>		-There were many. However, becoming the first woman (and the 2 <sup>nd</sup> person ever) to fly solo across the Atlantic was an extremely dangerous and difficult challenge. She had to overcome bad weather, thick clouds, and ice on her cockpit windshield!	<b>Aeroplane</b>
<b>How did she go missing?</b>	 	-Earhart's second attempt at circumnavigating the world was more than ¾ completed, and they only had around 11,000km to go. The most dangerous stop of the trip was Howland Island, in the middle of the Pacific Ocean. There was confusion about which radio frequencies to use, and reports of terrible weather ahead. It is reported that she flew into a storm upon approaching the island. Despite an extensive search, her plane was never found.	<b>Aviation</b>
<b>What is her legacy?</b>		-Although she was only 39 when she disappeared, Amelia Earhart achieved a great deal, and is considered a hero of the 20 <sup>th</sup> Century. She showed that women were just as capable as men at accomplishing gruelling challenges. She was also an accomplished writer, who left behind several magazine articles and books detailing her exploits.	<b>Explorer</b>
			<b>Aircraft</b>
			<b>Circumnavigation</b>
			<b>Radio Link</b>
			<b>Wing</b>
			<b>Cockpit</b>
			<b>Gender</b>
			<b>Transatlantic</b>
			<b>Transcontinental</b>
			<b>Inspiration</b>

### Sticky Vocabulary

## Top 10 Facts!

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Amelia Earhart had a number of nicknames. She liked to go by the names Meeley &amp; Millie.</li> <li>Her nickname for her sister Muriel was Pidge!</li> <li>Her husband, George Putnam, became her book publisher!</li> <li>When she landed in Ireland after her flight across the Atlantic, a local farmer didn't believe she had come from America!</li> <li>Amelia was one of the first to create a fashion line, a popular trend among celebrities today.</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Her very last word on the radio link was 'wait.'</li> <li>Earhart did not have any children of her own, but had two step-children.</li> <li>Earhart's plane has still never been found. America spent \$4 million on the search.</li> <li>Howland Island is a tiny island that is only a mile and half long, in the middle of the vast Pacific Ocean.</li> <li>A lighthouse was built in memory of Earhart on Howland Island.</li> </ol> |
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