

Amelia Earhart

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Directions: Underline the words in the story as you find them, unscramble them and write them in the boxes below. Amelia Mary Earhart's family enjoyed relating a story about their great-grandmother. When she was 2 1/2 years old her father lifted her up on his shoulders for her to see George Washington pass by. Amelia's mother came from a well-to-do family. Amelia was daring even when she was child. When she was seven years old she wanted to ride an elephant, but her mother said, "No", but allowed her to ride a Ferris wheel instead. When she was a child Amelia and her sister built a roller coaster from the top of an eight foot toolshed to the ground. They had to tear it down. Her mother encouraged her tomboyish activities. In 1921 Amelia began taking flying lessons from Neta Snook. She set a new altitude record for women by flying her plane as high as 14,000 feet. Amelia sold her plane, bought a car which she called the Yellow Peril, and drove her mother to Boston. She met George Palmer Putnam (known as G.P.), her future husband, when she was preparing for a flight from America to England. Her mother disapproved of the marriage because G.P. was twelve years her senior and a divorced man. In 1932, one year after her flight as a passenger across the Atlantic, she made a transatlantic flight alone from Harbour Grace, Newfoundland to Ireland. In 1934 she made a successful flight across the Pacific from Honolulu, Hawaii to Oakland, California. She once took Eleanor Roosevelt for a ride in her plane. She failed in her attempt to circle the globe. In some of the last transmissions they received from her, she said she was running low on fuel. Finally transmissions ceased altogether. A search was started, but no sign of the plane was ever found. After sixteen days the Navy called off the search. Amelia left a husband, sister, mother, a niece, a nephew, and many friends.

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