



Amelia Earhart was born on 24<sup>th</sup> July 1897 in Kansas, America. She became famous when she took up flying and broke many world records.

On 22<sup>nd</sup> October 1922 Amelia set her first world record when she flew her plane at a height of 4 300 metres, the highest of any female pilot of the time. In 1932 she was the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean. She set many more women's speed and

distance flying records and was also keen to help other female pilots.

Amelia wanted to set a record for the longest round the world flight of 29 000 miles. After flying



from California to Miami in Florida, she and her navigator Fred Noonan set off on 1<sup>st</sup> June 1937. They made many stops on the way and began the last part of their journey on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 1937, flying over the Pacific Ocean. Disaster struck and during this part of the flight the weather became cloudy and she was not able to see where to land. She was running out of fuel and found that she could not receive radio signals to guide her to her landing place. Her last radio message was sent saying that she could not see where to land and then radio contact was lost. Although there was a massive search for her no sign of Amelia, Fred or her plane was found.

Amelia Earhart inspired many people during her life. The house where she was born has been turned into the 'Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum'.



Questions:

1. When was Amelia Earhart born?

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2. What was her nationality?

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3. What was the first world record that she set?

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4. What record did she set in 1932?

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5. What was the last world record that she tried to set?

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6. How many miles would she have needed to fly to set this record?

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7. Who went with her on the flight?

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8. What happened to Amelia on the last part of the flight?

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9. Draw a picture of Amelia Earhart's plane.



Answers:

1. Amelia Earhart was born on 24<sup>th</sup> July 1897.
2. She was American.
3. The first world record she set was to be the first female pilot to fly at a height of 4 300 metres.
4. In 1932 she was the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean.
5. The last world record she tried to set was for the longest round the world flight.
6. She would have needed to fly 29 000 miles to set this record.
7. Her navigator Fred Noonan went with her on the flight.
8. An answer to include: bad weather, running out of fuel, no radio signals, lost at sea.