



AMELIA EARHART



Amelia Mary Earhart

Born: 24th July 1897 in Kansas, America

Died: 2nd July 1937 Amelia disappeared trying to reach Howland Island in the mid-Pacific.

There was a massive rescue attempt, but Amelia and her plane had vanished.

In 1938, a lighthouse was built on Howland Island in her memory, and today her bravery is celebrated around the world.

LIFE AND FAMILY

Amelia had a sister Grace Muriel Earhart who was two years longer. They lived with their mum and dad.

She spent her days as a child exploring the local neighbourhood with her sister; hunting rats with a rifle, climbing trees and 'belly-slammings' on a sled. These were all unusual pursuits for a girl at that time! She was interested in influential women and used to keep newspaper clips about successful women.

She was interested in flying from a young age. She would imagine that she could stretch her wings out and fly like a bird. When she was a little bit older, she went to an air show to watch the planes. Amelia wished she could go up in those planes too.

After school she worked as a nurse's aide in World War I, before becoming a social worker.

She married George P Putman in 1931 and they had no children.

AMELIA'S FLIGHTS

Earhart took her first flying lesson on January 3rd 1921 and, in six months, managed to save enough money to buy her first plane. The second-hand Kinner Airster was a two-seater biplane painted bright yellow—Earhart named her newest obsession "The Canary".

After months of practice, she became the first woman to fly up to 14,000 feet.

With help from a mechanic and a pilot, she was also the first woman to fly over the enormous Atlantic ocean in 1935.

Amelia wanted to give every girl the chance to fly, so she created a club with 98 other pilots. Before her 40th birthday, she wanted to give herself the challenge of flying around the world.

THE DISAPPEARANCE

Amelia set off on her journey around the world. She flew over oceans and jungles and the savannah. Amelia flew further than anyone had ever gone before. However, at some point in her journey Amelia



disappeared and was never seen again. Her and her plane never returned. To this day, nobody knows what happened to Amelia or where she is. It remains a mystery.

FIND OUT MORE

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JAbRb-gsCRI>

EXAMPLE QUESTIONS

1. When was Amelia Earhart born?
2. How high did she fly?
3. Which ocean did she fly over?
4. What did she want to do before her 40th birthday?
5. What has been built in her memory?