

## Amelia Earhart

Amelia Earhart was a famous woman in her time. In 1928, became the first woman to cross the Atlantic Ocean as a passenger in an airplane. In 1932, she became the first woman pilot to fly solo across the Atlantic. Later that year, she was the first woman to fly across the United States from New Jersey to California. Earhart set records in flying times and won many awards.



Earhart had great courage and ambition. As a child, she was very inquisitive, kind and always interested in learning. This interest led her to have as many as twenty eight different jobs in her lifetime. She was a volunteer nurse during World War I, she was an English teacher and social worker at Purdue University in Indiana. She wrote poetry and books and gave many interesting lectures. She encouraged others, especially young women, to follow their dreams.

Amelia Earhart's dream was to fly around the world. Many people gave money to help her. Purdue University gave Earhart her plane. It was the newest type. Earhart began her around-the-world flight on June 1, 1937. Her route around the world was more than 29, 000 miles. She had one crew member, Fred Noonan. On July 2, 1937, they were flying over the Pacific when radio contact with her airplane, the *Electra*, suddenly stopped. To this day, no one knows what happened to Amelia Earhart, Fred Noonan, and the *Electra*.

### A. Write the complete answers to these questions.

1. Why was Amelia Earhart famous in her time?

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2. What kind of woman was Amelia Earhart?

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3. Why is Amelia Earhart's last flight a mystery?

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### B. Circle the letter of your answer.

1. Amelia Earhart disappeared while she was flying \_\_\_\_\_.

a. Solo across the Atlantic.  
b. From New Jersey to California.  
c. Her plane around the world.

2. In 1928, Amelia Earhart became \_\_\_\_\_.

a. The first woman pilot.  
b. The first woman as a passenger in an airplane.  
c. The first woman to fly from the East Coast to the West Coast.

3. As a child, Amelia Earhart was always interested in \_\_\_\_\_.

a. flying                      b. learning                      c. teaching

4. \_\_\_\_\_, Amelia Earhart worked as a nurse.

a. While she was at Purdue University