


Directions: Read the poem below and answer the questions 1-6.

<p>Wilbur Wright and Orville Wright  <i>Rosemary and Stephen Vincent Benet</i></p>		
<p>Said Orville Wright to Wilbur Wright          "These birds are very trying.          I'm sick of hearing them cheep-cheep          About the fun of flying.          A bird has feathers, it is true.          That much I freely grant.          But, must that stop us, W?"          Said Wilbur Wright, "It shan't."</p>		<p>They glided here, they glided there,          They sometimes skinned their noses.          ---For learning how to rule the air          Was not a bed of roses---          But each would murmur, afterward,          While patching up his bro,          "Are we discouraged, W?"          "Of course we are not, O!"</p>
<p>And so they built a glider, first,          And then they built another.          --- There never were two brothers more          Devoted to each other.          They ran a dusty little shop          For bicycle-repairing,          And bought each other soda-pop          And praised each other's daring.</p>	<p>And finally, at Kitty Hawk          In Nineteen-Three (let's cheer it!)          The first real airplane really flew          With Orville there to steer it!          ---And kingdoms may forget their kings          And dogs forget their bites,          But, not till Man forgets his wings,          Will men forget the Wrights.</p>	

1. **(Analyze Text)**

*For learning how to rule the air --- Was not a bed of roses...* What do these words imply?

- that it had no real importance
- that it was as easy as planting flowers
- that it took too long to accomplish
- that it was a very difficult task.

2. **(Conclusions/Inferences)**

Based on the text, how do the poets feel about the Wright brothers?

- The poets think the brothers are to be admired.
- The poets think of the brothers as friends.
- The poets think the brothers drank too much soda pop.
- The poets think the brothers were careless.

3. **(Details/Facts)**

According to the poem, what business did the Wrights work at together?

- bottling soda pop
- canning vegetables
- repairing bicycles
- selling bicycles

4. **(Cause and Effect)**

What happened when the brothers heard the birds "cheep cheep about the fun of flying?"

- Orville became very ill.
- They started trying to make a glider.
- They praised each other's daring.
- Wilbur bought Orville a soda pop.