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The Wright Brothers

Learn about the brothers Orville and Wilbur Wright

Read the paragraph below and then answer the questions that follow.

Orville and Wilbur Wright's mother was always fixing and repairing things. The boys collected her leftovers for "tinkering," and learned slowly-making mechanical tools. They also had an interest in birds and studied how they flew. It occurred almost instant that the brothers decided to try to create a flying machine. They spent a couple of years and built several kites with which they tested various wings. For a few years, they made several other flights in various gliders and continued to improve upon their designs. In 1903 in Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, the Wrights made the first successful flight in a motorized plane called the Wright Flyer. The plane cost them \$1,000 to make and stayed in the air for twelve seconds.

Questions

From whom did the Wright brothers learn their love for tinkering?

Where did the brothers build their wind tunnel?

Where did the brothers make the first successful motorized flight of an airplane?

What was the name of the plane used in that flight?

How long did the plane stay in the air?
