

# Aviation Day

# HISTORY

# READING COMPREHENSION



## AVIATION HISTORY

Aviation history is a fascinating journey that takes us from the dreams of ancient civilizations to the modern wonders of flight. It's a story filled with bravery, innovation, and the relentless pursuit of the skies. Let's explore the remarkable milestones of aviation history and pay tribute to the pioneers who made it all possible.

### EARLY DREAMS

Thousands of years ago, ancient civilizations looked to the sky with wonder and awe. They dreamed of soaring like birds and built contraptions to mimic flight. While these early attempts at flight were unsuccessful, they laid the groundwork for future generations to build upon.



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### AMELIA EARHART

Earhart, known as the "Queen of the Air," shattered gender barriers and set numerous aviation records in the 1920s and 1930s. She was the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean and inspired

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### LEVELS

that followed, aviation technology advanced rapidly. Jet engines allowed airplanes to fly farther than ever before, while the development of space exploration opened up the possibility of space travel. Today, we marvel at the incredible achievements of modern aviation and beyond.

As we celebrate this rich history of flight and honor the pioneers who have inspired our communities to come together to host air shows and participate in educational activities, it's a good time to look forward with excitement to the future of flight.

We are reminded that dreams have the power to change the world. From the ancient dreams of flight to the modern technology of the jet age, the journey to the skies is a testament to human perseverance. As we celebrate Aviation Day, let us remember the pioneers who paved the way and inspire us to reach for the stars.

## AVIATION HISTORY

CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER.

Who was the first man to fly?

Wilbur Wright  
Leonardo da Vinci  
The Wright brothers  
Orville Wright

Who did Leonardo da Vinci sketch?

Hisself  
A flying machine  
A helicopter  
A hot air balloon

Who were the Wright Brothers?

Orville and Wilbur  
Orville and Étienne  
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Orville and Étienne

Who was known as the "Queen of the Air"?

Amelia Earhart  
Orville Wright  
Wilbur Wright  
The Wright brothers

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**READING COMPREHENSION**

**MCQ'S**

**QUESTIONS**

**ANSWER KEY**



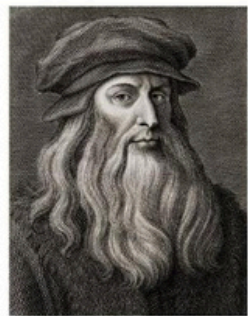
# READING PASSAGES WITH TEXT DEPENDENT QUESTIONS

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### AMELIA EARHART

Amelia Earhart, known as the "Queen of the Air," shattered gender stereotypes and set numerous aviation records in the 1920s and 1930s. She became the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean and inspired millions with her courage and determination.

### CHARLES LINDBERGH

In 1927, Charles Lindbergh captured the world's imagination with his solo nonstop flight across the Atlantic Ocean. His historic journey from New York to Paris made him an instant hero and demonstrated the potential of long-distance air travel.



### MODERN MARVELS

In the decades that followed, aviation technology advanced rapidly. Jet engines allowed airplanes to travel faster and farther than ever before, while rockets opened up the possibility of space exploration. Today, we marvel at the incredible machines that carry us through the skies and beyond.

### AVIATION DAY CELEBRATION

Aviation Day is a time to celebrate the rich history of flight and honor the trailblazers who made it all possible. Communities come together to host air shows, visit aviation museums, and participate in educational activities. It's a day to look back with gratitude and look forward with excitement to the future of aviation.

### CONCLUSION

As we reflect on aviation history, we are reminded that dreams have the power to take flight and change the world. From the ancient dreams of flight to the modern marvels of aviation technology, the journey to the skies is a testament to human ingenuity and perseverance. As we celebrate Aviation Day, let's honor the past, embrace the present, and dream of the endless possibilities that lie ahead in the boundless blue sky above.

## READING COMPREHENSION

## COLORED & B/W VERSIONS INCLUDED



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

# AVIATION HISTORY

DIRECTIONS CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER.

- 1. Who achieved the first manned flight in a hot air balloon?**
  - a) Orville and Wilbur Wright
  - b) Leonardo da Vinci
  - c) The Montgolfier brothers
  - d) Amelia Earhart
- 2. What did Leonardo da Vinci sketch designs for in the 15th century?**
  - a) Cars
  - b) Flying machines
  - c) Boats
  - d) Trains
- 3. What did the Wright Brothers achieve in 1903?**
  - a) First manned flight in a hot air balloon
  - b) First successful powered flight
  - c) First solo flight across the Atlantic Ocean
  - d) Invention of the helicopter
- 4. Who became known as the "Queen of the Air"?**
  - a) Charles Lindbergh
  - b) Leonardo da Vinci
  - c) Amelia Earhart
  - d) The Montgolfier brothers
- 5. What did Amelia Earhart become the first woman to do?**
  - a) Fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean
  - b) Build a hot air balloon
  - c) Invent the airplane
  - d) Fly to the Moon

## SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

1. Who achieved the first manned flight in a hot air balloon?
2. What did Leonardo da Vinci sketch designs for in the 15th century?
3. What did the Wright Brothers achieve in 1903?
4. Who became known as the "Queen of the Air"?
5. What is Aviation Day a time to celebrate?

## 6. Who captured the world's imagination with the first nonstop flight across the Atlantic Ocean?

- a) Amelia Earhart
- b) The Montgolfier brothers
- c) Charles Lindbergh
- d) Orville and Wilbur Wright

## 7. What technological advancements made it possible to travel faster and farther?

- a) Steam engines
- b) Wind power
- c) Jet engines
- d) Solar power

## 8. What is Aviation Day a time to celebrate?

- a) The history of trains
- b) The history of boats
- c) The history of flight and the trailblazers who made it possible
- d) The history of cars

## 9. What is mentioned as a possibility for future aviation?

- a) Time travel
- b) Underwater flight
- c) Travel to distant planets
- d) Travel to the center of the Earth

## 10. What is the theme of the passage?

- a) Exploring the wonders of the ocean
- b) Discovering the history of bicycles
- c) Honoring aviation history and the pioneers of flight
- d) The invention of the telephone

# ANSWER KEY

## MCQS

1. c) The Montgolfier brothers
2. b) Flying machines
3. b) First successful powered flight
4. c) Amelia Earhart
5. a) Fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean
6. c) Charles Lindbergh
7. c) Jet engines
8. c) The history of flight and the trailblazers who made it possible
9. c) Travel to distant planets
10. c) Honoring aviation history and the pioneers of flight

## SHORT-ANSWER QUESTION

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ANSWER KEY  
INCLUDED

10 - MCQ'S & 5  
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