

AMELIA EARHART

Amelia Earhart was an American **aviator** who set many flying **records** and **championed** the **advancement** of women in **aviation**. She became the first woman to fly **solo** across the Atlantic Ocean, and the first person ever to fly **solo** from Hawaii to the U.S. **mainland**. During a flight to **circumnavigate** the globe, Earhart disappeared somewhere over the Pacific in July 1937. Her plane **wreckage** was never found, and she was officially **declared** lost at sea. Her disappearance remains one of the greatest unsolved **mysteries** of the twentieth century.

Questions

What is Amelia Earhart best known for?

- a) Being a novelist
- b) Being a famous artist
- c) Being an aviator who set flying records
- d) Being a politician

What notable achievement did Earhart accomplish?

- a) She flew solo across the Atlantic Ocean.
- b) She was the first woman to fly in space.



- c) She founded an aviation school.
- d) She built the first airplane.

What happened to Amelia Earhart during her flight in July 1937?

- a) She landed safely in Hawaii.
- b) She completed her circumnavigation of the globe.
- c) She disappeared over the Pacific Ocean.
- d) She crashed on a remote island.

What remains unknown about Earhart's disappearance?

- a) Her birthplace
- b) The location of her plane wreckage
- c) The name of her co-pilot
- d) The type of aircraft she flew

Which of the following words best describes Amelia Earhart's impact on women in aviation?

- a) Detrimental
- b) Unremarkable
- c) Pioneering
- d) Ordinary

Vocabulary Section

Match the following words with their correct definitions.

Aviator

a. To proclaim firmly

Circumnavigate

b. The remaining parts of something that has been wrecked

Declare

c. Someone who operates an aircraft

Wreckage

d. Travel around, either by plane or ship

Mystery

e. Something that baffles understanding and cannot be explained

Vocabulary:

aviator ~ *noun* someone who operates an aircraft

record ~ *noun* the sum of recognized accomplishments; an extreme attainment; the best (or worst) performance ever attested (as in a sport); a compilation of the known facts regarding something or someone; anything (such as a document or a phonograph record or a photograph) providing permanent evidence of or information about past events; a document that can serve as legal evidence of a transaction; the number of wins versus losses and ties a team has had; sound recording consisting of a disk with a continuous groove; used to reproduce music by rotating while a phonograph needle tracks in the groove; a list of crimes for which an accused person has been previously convicted; *verb* register electronically; make a record of; set down in permanent form; be aware of; be or provide a memorial to a person or an event; indicate a certain reading; of gauges and instruments

champion ~ *adj.* holding first place in a contest; *noun* someone who fights for a cause; someone who has won first place in a competition; someone who is dazzlingly skilled in any field; a person who backs a politician or a team etc.; *verb* protect or fight for as a champion

advancement ~ *noun* gradual improvement or growth or development; the act of moving forward toward a goal; encouragement of the progress or growth or

acceptance of something

aviation - *noun* the art of operating aircraft; the operation of aircraft to provide transportation; the aggregation of a country's military aircraft; travel via aircraft

solo - *adj.* composed or performed by a single voice or instrument; *adv.* without anybody else; *noun* a flight in which the aircraft pilot is unaccompanied; any activity that is performed alone without assistance; a musical composition for one voice or instrument (with or without accompaniment); *verb* perform a piece written for a single instrument; fly alone, without a co-pilot or passengers

mainland - *noun* the main land mass of a country or continent; as distinguished from an island or peninsula

circumnavigate - *verb* travel around, either by plane or ship

wreckage - *noun* the remaining parts of something that has been wrecked

declare - *verb* state firmly; declare to be; proclaim one's support, sympathy, or opinion for or against; state emphatically and authoritatively; make a declaration (of dutiable goods) to a customs official; designate (a trump suit or no-trump) with the final bid of a hand; authorize payments of; announce publicly or officially

mystery - *noun* something that baffles understanding and cannot be explained; a story about a crime (usually murder) presented as a novel or play or movie