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The History of Flight



Wilbur and Orville Wright created the first successful powered airplane, the 1903 Wright Flyer. It first flew at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina USA, on December 17, 1903, with Orville at the controls.

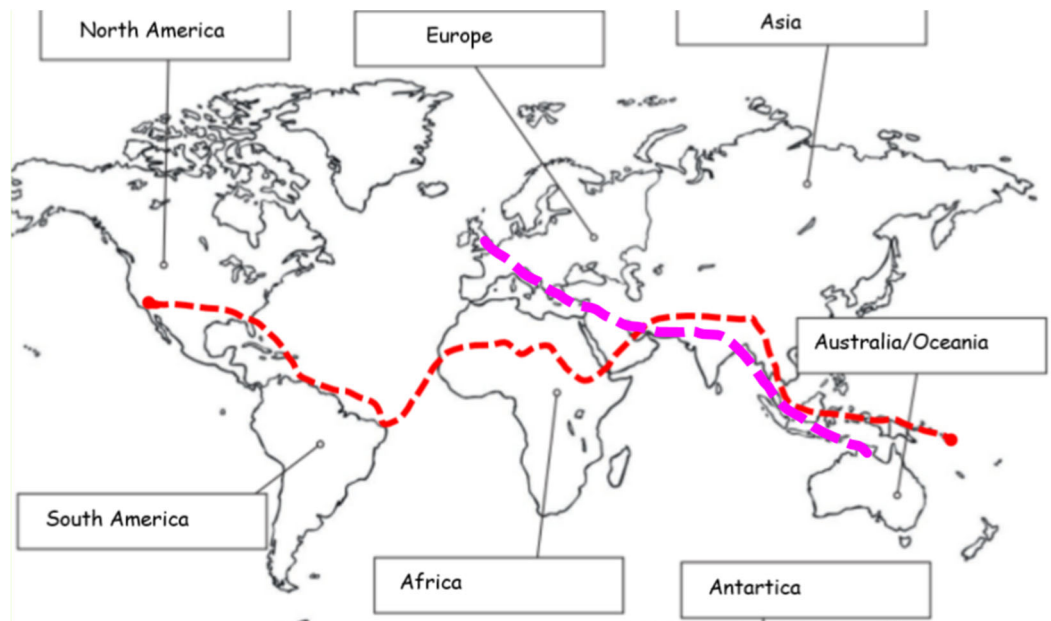


Amelia Earhart was a pioneer of aviation. She was the first woman to fly alone across the Atlantic Ocean. She disappeared during her flight around the world attempt in 1937 and was never found.



Amy Johnson was the first female pilot to fly alone from England to Australia, which took 19 days.

Amy went missing when her plane crashed in the river Thames during the war - she was never seen again.



Amelia Earhart's final journey



Amy Johnson's solo flight from London to Darwin in Australia.

Vocabulary

Solo—performed by one person

Pilot—a person who is qualified to fly an aircraft or spacecraft.

Flight—travelling by air

Record breaking—better, bigger, longer, etc. than anything else before

Aviation—the making and flying of aircraft that are heavier than air