

Aviation

noun

the flying or operating of aircraft.

"two events launched the history of modern aviation"

Important dates

1897- Amelia Earhart is born in Atchison, Kansas.

1920- With pilot Frank Hawk, she takes her first ride in an airplane. "By the time I had got two or three hundred feet off the ground, I knew I had to fly," she later recalled.

1930- Amelia sets the women's world flying speed record of 181.18 miles per hour.

1932- Amelia Earhart becomes the first woman to fly solo across the North American continent and back.

1933- Amelia visits the White House. From this visit she develops a friendship with First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt.

1937- Amelia Earhart and Fred Noonan depart from Lae. Their destination is Howland Island, a tiny island in the Pacific only 13,200 feet long and 2,650 feet wide. Amelia and Noonan cannot find the island, however, and they lose radio contact with the Coast Guard. They disappear over the Pacific Ocean.



Amelia Earhart

Key words

Explore- Travel through in order to learn about

Navigate- Plan and direct the course of an aircraft

Route- A course taken to get to a destination with a purpose

Expedition- A journey undertaken by a group of people

Atlantic- adjoining the Atlantic Ocean