

Reading Passage: The Story of the First Airplane (History 2)

A long time ago, people could only dream about flying like birds. They would look up at the sky and imagine what it would be like to soar through the clouds. Two brothers, named Orville and Wilbur Wright, shared this dream. They lived in the United States and worked very hard to make their dream come true.

Orville and Wilbur built bicycles before they started working on airplanes. They used what they learned from bicycles to help them build a flying machine. They made many drawings and models to test their ideas. Finally, they built a real airplane and called it the Wright Flyer.

On December 17, 1903, the Wright brothers took their airplane to a place called Kitty Hawk. It was very windy there, which helped the airplane take off. Orville was the first to fly the Wright Flyer. The airplane flew for 12 seconds and went about 120 feet. This was the first time a machine had flown with a person inside.

The Wright brothers continued to improve their airplanes. They made them fly higher and farther. Because of their hard work and determination, we can now travel by airplane all around the world. Thanks to Orville and Wilbur Wright, the dream of flying became a reality.

Multiple Choice Questions

1. What did people dream about a long time ago?
 - a. Driving cars
 - b. Flying like birds
 - c. Sailing boats
 - d. Riding horses
2. Who were the two brothers who shared the dream of flying?
 - a. John and Michael Smith
 - b. Orville and Wilbur Wright
 - c. Thomas and James Brown
 - d. Henry and Charles Green
3. What did Orville and Wilbur Wright build before working on airplanes?
 - a. Boats
 - b. Cars
 - c. Bicycles
 - d. Trains
4. What did the Wright brothers call their first airplane?
 - a. The Sky Flyer
 - b. The Bird Machine
 - c. The Wright Flyer
 - d. The Cloud Ship
5. Where did the Wright brothers take their airplane for its first flight?
 - a. New York
 - b. Kitty Hawk
 - c. Chicago
 - d. San Francisco
6. How long did the first flight of the Wright Flyer last?
 - a. 5 seconds
 - b. 12 seconds
 - c. 30 seconds
 - d. 1 minute
7. How far did the Wright Flyer go on its first flight?
 - a. 120 feet
 - b. 50 feet

- c. 200 feet
 - d. 500 feet
8. What helped the Wright Flyer take off at Kitty Hawk?
- a. Rain
 - b. Wind
 - c. Snow
 - d. Sunshine
9. Who was the first to fly the Wright Flyer?
- a. Wilbur Wright
 - b. Their friend
 - c. Orville Wright
 - d. Their father
10. What did the Wright brothers' work help people do today?
- a. Swim faster
 - b. Drive safely
 - c. Travel by airplane
 - d. Cook better meals

Answers and Explanations

1. **b. Flying like birds**

Explanation: The passage talks about people dreaming of flying like birds.

2. **b. Orville and Wilbur Wright**

Explanation: The passage mentions Orville and Wilbur Wright as the brothers who dreamed of flying.

3. **c. Bicycles**

Explanation: Before working on airplanes, Orville and Wilbur built bicycles.

4. **c. The Wright Flyer**

Explanation: The Wright brothers named their first airplane the Wright Flyer.

5. **b. Kitty Hawk**

Explanation: The first flight of the Wright Flyer took place in Kitty Hawk.

6. **b. 12 seconds**

Explanation: The first flight lasted 12 seconds.

7. **a. 120 feet**

Explanation: The Wright Flyer flew about 120 feet on its first flight.

8. **b. Wind**

Explanation: The wind at Kitty Hawk helped the airplane take off.

9. **c. Orville Wright**

Explanation: Orville was the first to fly the Wright Flyer.

10. **c. Travel by airplane**

Explanation: Because of the Wright brothers, we can travel by airplane today.