

## Famous Aviators

## Amelia Earhart

Amelia was born in 1897. During the first World War, she worked as a nurse and became interested in flying through meeting pilots from the Royal Corps. Several years after the war ended, Amelia began flying lessons, making her first solo flight in June of 1921. She loved flying and even had her own airplane.

Amelia caught people's attention when she became the first woman to fly across the Atlantic Ocean. She flew aboard a plane called "Friendship" with two men and was responsible for keeping the log. It bothered Amelia that she was famous for this when she felt she hadn't done anything important. She decided to try to become the first woman to fly alone across the Atlantic Ocean. In May, 1932 she successfully flew a Lockheed across the Atlantic Ocean. In May, 1932 she ocean to Ireland, in less Vega monoplane from Newfoundland across the ocean to Ireland, in less than fifteen hours. She was a founding member of an organization of women pilots called the "Ninety-Nines".

Amelia went on to set other world records In 1935, she was the first solo pilot to fly from Hawaii to the mainland. She decided to attempt the first flight around the world. On June 1, 1937, Amelia and her navigator, flight around the world. On June 1, 1937, Amelia and her navigator, flight around the world. On June 1, 1937, Amelia and her navigator, flight around the world. She made it to Lae, New Frederick Noonan, took off from Miami, Florida. She made it to Lae, New Guinea but while enroute to her next stop on Howland Island, reported a Guinea but while enroute to her next stop on Howland Island, reported a Amelia Earhart never reached tiny Howland Island and was never seen again.



## Amelia Earhart - Activity # 1

Some people believe Amelia Earhart is still alive. Others believe she made an emergency landing on an island and was killed by the people there. This mystery has puzzled people for years.

Write your own version of Amelia Earhart's flight around the world. How will your story end?

