

AMELIA EARHART



FACT FILE

24th July 1897 - Disappeared July 2nd 1937

Amelia Earhart was the first person ever to fly solo across the Pacific Ocean. She was a true adventurer, incredibly brave and a real inspiration for women everywhere!

Amelia's first record was rising to a height of 14,000 feet which she did in her own plane.

Amelia wanted to become the first woman, and only second person to fly across the Atlantic solo, which she attempted on the 20th May, 1932. She took off from Harbour Grace in Newfoundland and headed for Paris. Strong winds and mechanical issues meant she didn't make it to Paris, but quick thinking Amelia changed course and landed in a field in Londonderry, Northern Ireland.

Amelia was given a gold medal from the National Geographic Society and was the first woman to be awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross from Congress for her groundbreaking solo journey across the Atlantic.

Amelia Earhart didn't stop there. She became the first person to fly solo across the Pacific from Honolulu to Oakland in 1935, and in 1937 attempted to fly around the whole world.

It was on this dangerous trip that Amelia's plane got into trouble and despite a huge rescue attempt she was never found.

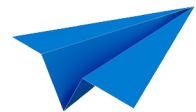


ACTIVITY

Make and test paper planes.

YOU'LL NEED:

Paper
Paperclips
Chalk



Fold three paper planes in the same style using the same size paper.

Add one paperclip to one plane, two to another plane and leave one with no extra weight.

Throw the planes using the same force and mark how far they travel using chalk.

Which planes travel the furthest?

