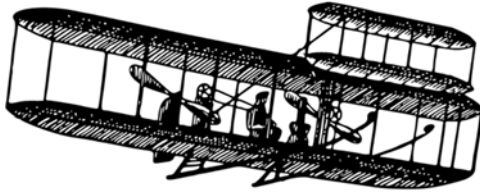


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Biplano Wright (1907)

Airplane Pioneers

Directions: Read the passage carefully. Answer each open-ended question in **complete sentences**. Use details from the passage to support your answers.

The First Airplane

In the early 1900s, two brothers named Orville and Wilbur Wright dreamed of flying. They worked for years building gliders and testing designs. They studied how birds moved their wings and used those ideas to shape their machines.

On December 17, 1903, in Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, their hard work paid off. Orville piloted the first powered airplane flight. It lasted only 12 seconds, but it changed history. After that, the Wright brothers kept improving their planes, and soon they were flying longer distances. Their invention opened the door to modern air travel.

1. Who were the two brothers who built the first airplane?

2. How did the Wright brothers get ideas for their airplane designs?

3. When and where did the first powered airplane flight take place?

4. Why was the first flight important, even though it lasted only 12 seconds?

5. What happened after the Wright brothers made their first flight?
