

AMELIA EARHART WEB TREK



A. INTRODUCTION

Using the web sites listed below, read about flight pioneer Amelia Earhart. You will learn about her life, all the "firsts" she accomplished, and the mystery behind her disappearance. As you read, write five possible discussion topics (not taken from the questions below). Answer the student questions, using complete sentences and using only the resources listed.

B. RESOURCES

AMELIA EARHART:

http://www.centennialofflight.gov/essay/Explorers_Record_Setters_and_Daredevils/earhart/EX29.htm

AMELIA EARHART'S OCEAN ODYSSEY:

<http://www.pbs.org/odyssey/class/amelia.html>

FOR FURTHER RESEARCH:

http://www.academickids.com/encyclopedia/index.php/Amelia_Earhart

C. STUDENT QUESTIONS

1. What factors contributed to Earhart's decision to become a pilot? What did Earhart say after her first plane ride?
2. On October 22nd, 1922, Earhart set a record, one of the many "firsts" she would accomplish in flight during her flying career. What did she achieve on this day?
3. In June, 1928, Amelia Earhart accomplished another record for women. What did she do this time, and who was she with? Where did they fly from and to? How far and how long was the flight?
4. Describe the hazards Earhart experienced while accomplishing the first female solo flight across the Atlantic Ocean.
5. After being the first woman to fly solo over the Pacific Ocean and 2 more solo flights over land, Earhart planned a first for both men and women pilots. Describe what she was trying to do, and what happened on her first attempt.
6. On what was meant to be the flight around the widest part of the Earth, who was Earhart's navigator? How did they manage to communicate while in flight?
7. Where was the longest leg of her journey for this last flight? When did she set out for this destination, and how far away were they? What role did the American government have in preparing this destination for the arrival of Earhart and Noonan?
8. What was the "most plausible theory" for Earhart and Noonan's disappearance? What is certain about their circumstances?
9. Look at the map depicting Amelia Earhart's proposed route. Describe the location of Lae, New Guinea, and Howland Island.
10. What do you admire most about Amelia Earhart?