

The Wright Brothers

Timeline

1500	1783	1899	1903	1932	1935	1953	1970
Leonardo Da Vinci draws image of early helicopter	First flight in a hot air balloon	Wright brothers built the first glider	Wright brothers first manned flight	Amelia Earhart flies solo across the Atlantic	Rolls-Royce Hucknall established as a flight test facility	First flight of vertical take-off and landing aircraft (Flying Bedstead)	Boeing 747 Jumbo jet takes hundreds of passengers across the Atlantic

Key Vocabulary

Atlantic ocean	Ocean that separates Europe from North and South America.
Glider	A light aircraft that is designed to fly without using an engine.
Helicopter	An aircraft that uses overhead blades rather than wings to fly.
Inventor	A person who invents a particular process or device
Jumbo jet	A very large airliner.
Pilot	A person who flies an aircraft.
Pioneer	A person who is one of the first people to do something.
Solo	Alone / without other people.

Key Questions

- What were the Wright brothers the first to do?
- How was their invention different to others that had come before?
- Which industry did the Wright brothers invention change?
- Why did the Wright brothers succeed where others had failed?
- What have we used to find out about the Wright brothers?



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