



Who was Emilia Earhart?

Amelia Earhart was an American **aviator** (an aeroplane pilot) at a time when very few women knew how to fly planes. She loved adventure and felt she could do anything that men could do. Her mother let her wear shorts and have lots of adventures, when most other girls wore smart dresses.

When and where was she born?

She was born in Kansas in the midwest of the USA, in 1897.

What made her significant?

Amelia was the first woman to fly a plane solo across the Atlantic Ocean

What was Amelia like?

Amelia had a lot of freedom when she was little and she was fun-loving and brave. She was strong and determined too. Amelia said, "You can do anything you decide to do". She did not give up!

How long did she live?

Amelia set off in her plane to fly all the way around the world in 1937. Sadly, Amelia did not make it. In stormy weather, her plane disappeared over the Atlantic Ocean. She was only 39.

Questions:

- 1. Where was Amelia from?
- 2. What does the word aviator mean?
- 3. Why is she significant?
- 4. What happened when she tried to fly round the world?
- 5. Would you have liked to meet her? Why?

Challenge

As a girl, Amelia loved adventures, like climbing trees and catching rats. Imagine you went out to play with her. Write a diary entry about the mischief you got up to!