



Waterbeach Community Primary School

Curriculum Capture for Year 1

History: Amelia Earhart and Bessie Coleman

Key People

Amelia Earhart

- Born 24th July 1897.
- Amelia's mother encouraged her daughter to be different and not to do what was expected of young ladies at that time. She would climb trees, hunt rats and was allowed to wear bloomers.
- In 1918, Amelia left college to be a nurse's aide in Toronto, Canada.
- On 28th December 1920, she took her first flight as a passenger. This flight inspired her to become an aviator.



Bessie Coleman

- Born on 26th January 1892.
- Her father moved away, Bessie stayed with her mother and brothers and sisters.
- Bessie grew up helping her mother pick cotton and doing the washing to earn money.
- AT 23, Bessie went to live with her brothers in Chicago.
- After her brothers returned home from war, they told Bessie that French women could learn how to fly aeroplanes and this made Bessie want to become a pilot.



Timeline of Key Events

26 th Jan 1892	Bessie Coleman was born in Texas, USA.
24 th July 1897	Amelia Earhart was born in Kansas, USA.
1915	Bessie went to live with her brothers in Chicago.
1920	Amelia visited an air-field and had her first aeroplane ride. Bessie set off to France so she could enrol in flying school.
January 1921	Amelia began taking flying lessons from Anita "Neta" Snook.
1921	Amelia bought her first airplane after flying for eight months. She had it painted bright yellow and called it 'The Canary'.
15 th June 1921	Bessie obtained her pilots licence.
1922	In October 1922, Amelia broke the women's altitude record. Bessie became the first Black female pilot to perform an airshow.
1923	Amelia became the 16 th woman to receive her pilot's licence. Bessie had an accident and suffered serious injuries.
1925	Bessie performed at an airshow in Texas to a big audience. She stood up for to segregation and would not perform unless all audience members were able to use one entrance.
1926	Bessie was involved in a fatal crash.
1928	Amelia became the first woman to fly across the Atlantic, alongside two other male pilots
1932	Amelia became the first woman to fly solo over the Atlantic.
1 st June 1937	Amelia attempted to fly around the world with Fred Noonan to help her navigate.
2 nd July 1937	Amelia entered bad weather and disappeared over the Pacific Ocean with low fuel. Her plane was never found.

Vocabulary

The Canary	Amelia's first plane
Altitude	The height of an object in relation to sea or ground level.
Air Show	A show at which aircraft perform aerial displays.
Solo	Done by one person alone
Segregation	The practice of requiring separate housing, education and other services for people of color.