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Amelia Earhart

In 1903, the first ever aircraft took off on the very first flight.

17 years after that,

Amelia Earhart was granted a trip to the skies.

Just as a passenger, but she was hooked, began taking lessons as much as she could.

Working any job that she could find,

Going whatever lengths that it took.

Once that summer came, she bought her first plane

When flying was new and quite scary.

A bright yellow biplane, such a fly thing, it was named "The Canary."

Around this time, flying was dangerous, but Earhart was a fearless learner.

It took her two years to break her first world record, reaching altitudes unheard of

For a female pilot at an altitude of 14,000 feet—

Highest record set for a female pilot, but her journey wasn't near complete.

She broke a world record in the second year of her flying, so inspiring.

Also the 16th woman in the world to get a pilot's license.

In the 1920s flight records were broken so often.

Amelia steadily pushed the limits of flying

With great skills and incredible boldness.

She heard about Charles Lindbergh—

He got the world record.

Made the first solo flight across the Atlantic in 1927.

Excitement was all that Amelia felt, and within a year,

She got the chance to go and experience that trip herself.

Let's make it clear,

She was the first woman to make the trip as a passenger. It was celebrated

But Amelia was still unsatisfied. The only thing that could elevate it

Was flying across the Atlantic alone,

People had doubted if she had the skills,
That the task was too tall for a woman.
Plus, some big shoes had needed to be filled.
She proved them all wrong, setting a high standard
As the first woman and the second person ever to fly solo across the Atlantic.
As her fame grew, the records she set were enormous.
The first person of any gender to fly solo across the Pacific Ocean.
From Hawaii to California, she did it all on her own.
By 1935, Amelia was internationally known.
She wrote books and she toured around the country giving lectures,
Also mentored female aviators and started a female pilot collective.
It was named the Ninety-Nines, and it's still around today,
Promoting advancement through aviation, thanks to Amelia who led the way.
High up in the skies is where Amelia felt at home.
So her next trip was the boldest: a full trip around the globe.
In the last leg of her journey, it seemed she was almost there.
In a tragic change of events, Earhart's plane had disappeared.
The Navy and Coast Guard kept searching all around—
Searching north, south, east, west, the plane was never found.
She had paved the way for women in the aviation field,
A trailblazer for her boldness and of course for all of her skill.