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# Amelia Earhart

Use the text to answer each question below.

1. On December 28, 1920, Amelia Earhart's father bought her a ticket for a demonstration flight. Flying over Long Beach, California, Earhart knew she wanted to be a pilot. Just six days later, she began taking flying lessons. Earhart was so focused on her goal that she worked any job she could find to pay for her lessons. She worked as a truck driver, a photographer, and a stenographer to save up money. Less than six months later, she was a skilled pilot and had saved enough money to buy her first airplane.

Which of these character traits best describes Amelia Earhart?

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| A. Focused    | B. Understanding |
| C. Protective | D. Irresponsible |

2. Before Wilbur and Orville Wright became the first people to fly an airplane, they owned a print shop. The brothers published three newspapers and designed, built, and sold printing presses. They earned a reputation for the quality of their presses and their skill as designers. While running their print shop, the brothers also opened a bicycle shop in 1892. They built, repaired, and sold bicycles. They even developed a self-oiling wheel hub. They used the profits from their print and bicycle shops to fund their flying experiments. Well before the Wright brothers took flight, they showed a clear talent for building machines.

Which of these character traits best describes the Orville and Wilbur Wright?

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| A. Selfish and rude     | B. Generous and honest    |
| C. Creative and curious | D. Mischievous and sneaky |

3. In 1921, Bessie Coleman became the first woman to earn an international pilot's license. As a Black woman, she was not allowed to enroll in aviation school in the United States due to her race. Because of this, she learned French and moved to France to learn to fly. When she returned to the US, discrimination prevented her from becoming a commercial pilot. Stunt flying was her only option. She became a popular pilot at aerial shows. She was best known for performing dangerous tricks, including "loop-the-loops" and "figure eights." She was committed to encouraging Black people to learn to fly and began raising money to open a school for Black pilots. Tragically, Coleman was killed when she lost control of her plane during a rehearsal for a show in 1926.

Which of these character traits best describes Bessie Coleman?

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| A. Sensitive | B. Humble     |
| C. Immature  | D. Courageous |