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Each reader's part is highlighted in color.

List of Characters

(in order of appearance)

- All: Red
- Group 1: Green
- Group 2: Blue
- Amelia Earhart: Purple
- Group 3: Orange

When the characters speak in unison, it is noted as **All**.



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Group 1: The U.S. Navy and Coast Guard looked for her, but she was never found. Many people think the plane just ran out of fuel and crashed.

Group 2: Today, Amelia Earhart is an inspiration to women everywhere.

All: Thank you, Amelia Earhart!
Because of you, we can reach for the sky!



Amelia Earhart



All: Amelia Earhart reached for the sky and loved to fly!

Group 1: She was born in Kansas on July 24, 1897.

Group 2: When she was very young, there were no airplanes.

Amelia Earhart: Girls didn't do the same things as boys. But I didn't care. I did them anyway!

Group 1: Amelia climbed trees, went hunting, and played ball.

Group 2: She loved to read and kept a scrapbook of women she admired.

Group 3: Some of the women were scientists. Some were lawyers. Some were writers.

Amelia Earhart: I always believed that women could do the same things as men.



Amelia Earhart: The more you do, the more you can do.

Group 1: Amelia Earhart set many records and won many awards.

Group 2: When she was almost 40 years old, Amelia decided to fly around the world. She would be the first person to fly 29,000 miles.

Group 3: On June 1, 1937, her plane took off from Florida. Around July 2, the plane disappeared somewhere over the Pacific Ocean. Amelia had flown 22,000 miles. She had only 7,000 miles left to go.



Group 1: Amelia never stopped flying.

Group 2: In 1935, she was the first person to fly solo from Honolulu, Hawaii, to Oakland, California.

Group 3: Later in 1935, she became the first person to fly solo from Mexico City, Mexico, to Newark, New Jersey.



Group 1: Amelia saw her first airplane when she was 10. A few years later, she went to an air show.

Group 2: One red plane flew very close to the ground. The pilot thought it was fun to frighten the people who came to watch the show.

Group 3: But Amelia didn't move. She was scared and excited at the same time.

Amelia Earhart: I think seeing that little plane changed me.



Group 1: On December 28, 1920, Amelia got her first ride in an airplane. On January 3, 1921, she started taking flying lessons.

Group 2: She worked hard to make money to help pay for her lessons. She flew whenever she could.

Group 3: In July, she bought her first airplane. It was bright yellow.

Amelia Earhart: I named my plane Canary.



Group 1: On May 20, 1932, Amelia's plane took off from Canada. Strong winds and ice forced her to land in Ireland, 15 hours later.

Amelia Earhart: I couldn't find an airport, so I landed in a farmer's field! I think I frightened most of the cows.

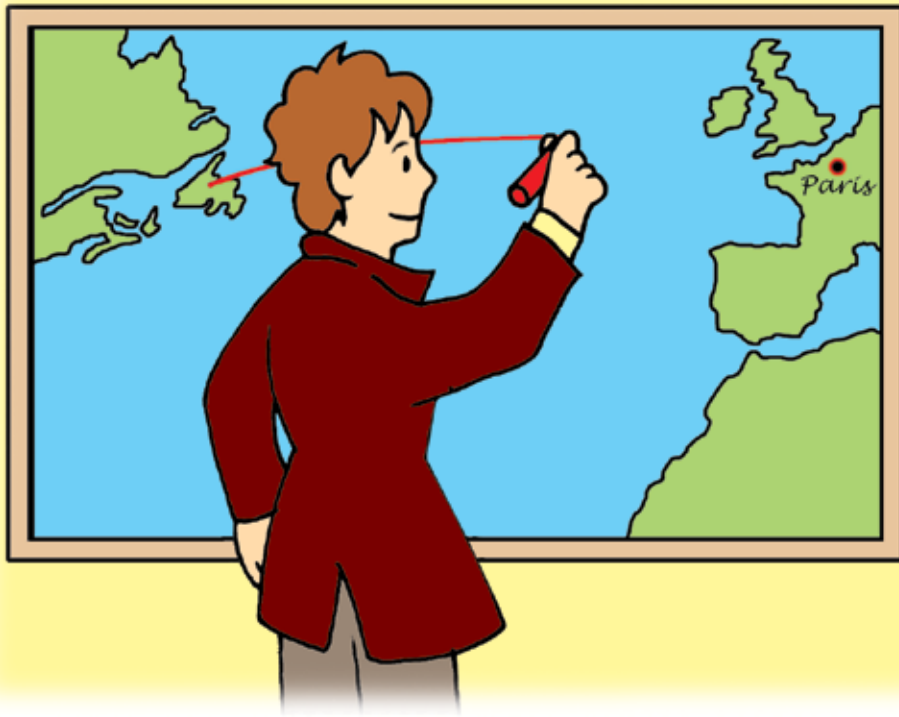
Group 2: Once again, many people came to meet her and to see her plane.

All: Amelia Earhart reached for the sky and loved to fly!



Group 1: Many people came to meet her and to see her plane. But all Amelia wanted to do was fly.

Amelia Earhart: I was sure I could be the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean.



Group 1: Soon Amelia had flown higher than any other woman in history.

Group 2: But she wanted to fly farther and higher than anyone.

Group 3: In 1928, two male pilots asked Amelia to fly with them across the ocean.

Amelia Earhart: I wanted to be the first woman to fly across the Atlantic Ocean, even as a passenger.

Group 1: The team left Canada and flew all the way to Wales. The flight took 21 hours.



Group 2: When they got back to the United States, there was a big parade in New York City.

All: Amelia Earhart reached for the sky and loved to fly!

Group 3: Then Amelia was invited to the White House to meet the president.