

Aviation History Quiz

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1. In what year did the Wright brothers complete the first powered, controlled flight of a heavier-than-air aircraft?

- A) 1900
- B) 1903**
- C) 1908
- D) 1912

2. Who was the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean?

- A) Bessie Coleman
- B) Harriet Quimby
- C) Amelia Earhart**
- D) Jacqueline Cochran

3. What was the name of the aircraft used by Charles Lindbergh for the first solo nonstop transatlantic flight?

- A) The Spirit of St. Louis**
- B) The Wright Flyer
- C) The Bell X-1
- D) The Concorde

4. Which company produced the Boeing 747, often referred to as the 'Jumbo Jet'?

- A) Airbus
- B) Lockheed
- C) Douglas
- D) Boeing**

5. What type of engine allowed the first jet-powered commercial airliner, the de Havilland Comet, to fly?

- A) Rocket engine
- B) Turbojet engine**
- C) Piston engine
- D) Propeller engine

6. Which famous aviator was the first person to fly faster than the speed of sound?

- A) Chuck Yeager**
- B) Neil Armstrong
- C) Yuri Gagarin
- D) Orville Wright

7. What were the large, gas-filled airships often used for transportation in the early 20th century called?

- A) Biplanes
- B) Zeppelins**
- C) Gliders
- D) Helicopters

8. Which of these inventions helped early pilots navigate by providing a stable reference to the horizon during poor visibility?

- A) The artificial horizon**
- B) The ejection seat
- C) The jet turbine
- D) The landing gear