

Milestones in Aviation History

Aviation History · Answer Key · 8 Questions

1. Which aircraft was the first to fly non-stop across the Atlantic Ocean, piloted by John Alcock and Arthur Brown in 1919?

A) Vickers Vimy

B) Sikorsky S-42

C) Curtiss NC-4

D) Handley Page V/1500

2. In 1930, Frank Whittle was granted the first patent for what groundbreaking aviation technology?

A) Variable-pitch propeller

B) Turbojet engine

C) Pressurized cabin

D) Retractable landing gear

3. The Bell X-1, which became the first aircraft to exceed the speed of sound in level flight, utilized what type of engine?

A) Ramjet

B) Pulsejet

C) Rocket

D) Turboprop

4. Which famous aviator was the first person to fly solo across the Pacific Ocean from Hawaii to Australia in 1935?

A) Charles Kingsford Smith

B) Amelia Earhart

C) Wiley Post

D) Fred Noonan

5. What was the designation of the first operational jet-powered fighter aircraft to see combat during World War II?

A) Gloster Meteor

B) Heinkel He 280

C) Messerschmitt Me 262

D) De Havilland Vampire

6. The 'Great Silver Fleet' was the original brand name used by which major airline?

- A) American Airlines
- B) Eastern Air Lines**
- C) United Airlines
- D) TWA

7. Which aircraft holds the record for the highest speed ever achieved by a manned, air-breathing jet aircraft?

- A) North American X-15
- B) Lockheed SR-71 Blackbird**
- C) Mikoyan-Gurevich MiG-25
- D) Lockheed YF-12

8. In 1952, the world's first commercial jetliner to enter regular service was the:

- A) Boeing 707
- B) Douglas DC-8
- C) De Havilland Comet**
- D) Sud Aviation Caravelle