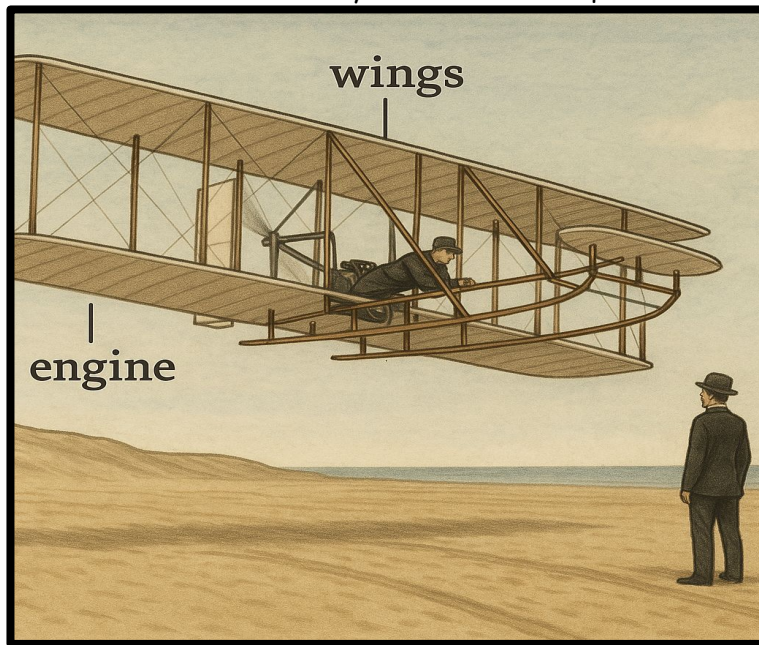


# Reading Comprehension Worksheet: Main Topic

Read the short story and answer each question.



## What Was the First Airplane?

Long ago, people dreamed of flying. They watched birds and wondered how to fly in the sky.

Two brothers named Orville and Wilbur Wright wanted to build a flying machine. They worked hard to make a machine with wings and a small engine.

In 1903, they flew their first airplane in a place called Kitty Hawk. It flew for only a short time, but it worked!

The airplane had two wings and a propeller. It looked very different from airplanes today.

The Wright brothers' flight was the beginning of air travel. Today, people fly all over the world in airplanes.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## What Was the First Airplane?

1. What is this text mostly about?

- A. How to build a kite
- B. The first airplane
- C. How birds fly
- D. Flying to space

2. Who flew the first airplane?

- A. Two sisters
- B. A king and queen
- C. The Wright brothers
- D. A pilot in a race

3. Fill in the blank:

The first airplane flew in a place called \_\_\_\_\_.

4. What are two key details that tell more about the Wright brothers' first airplane?

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5. How did the Wright brothers help people travel?

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# Parent and Teacher Guide

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**Guide Reading Level:** H

**Lexile Level:** 200L-350L

**Grade Level:** 1st Grade, Middle of the Year

**Genre:** Informational Text (History)

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## Introducing the Text

*"Today we are reading about the very first airplane. We'll learn about the people who built it and think about the most important facts in the text. We'll practice finding the main topic and the key details that support it."*

**Vocabulary:** airplane, wings, propeller, engine, travel

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## Before Reading Discussion Questions

1. What do you know about airplanes?
  2. Have you ever wondered who invented the first one?
  3. What do you think airplanes looked like long ago?
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## During Reading Discussion Questions

1. Who are the main people in the story?
  2. What did the first airplane look like?
  3. What made their airplane special?
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## After Reading Discussion Questions

1. What is the main idea of this passage?
  2. What are two key details that support the main idea?
  3. Why is the Wright brothers' invention important today?
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## Activity Idea

Give students a foldable with 3 panels: "Main Topic," "Key Detail 1," and "Key Detail 2." They draw the first airplane and write one sentence under each panel. Then retell the story to a partner using the foldable.

