

The Great Plane Race

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Summary

This book is about the race to be first to fly from New York to France.

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Before Reading

Think Ahead

Look at the pictures and answer the questions.



1. What is under the wing of the plane?

2. What is a road for a plane called?

3. What is the driver of the car trapped in?

4. What is the driver of the car using to listen to music?

Vocabulary

A Read and match.



• a. distant

• b. parachute

• c. loyalty

• d. parade

• e. disaster

• f. graduate

• g. careers

• h. imagination

B Write the word for each definition.

discourage

airmail

inspire

engine

ace

1. _____ the part of a vehicle that produces power to make the vehicle move
2. _____ to try to persuade someone not to do something
3. _____ letters and packages sent by plane
4. _____ excellent; very skilled at
5. _____ to make someone want to do something

C Choose the word that means about the same as the underlined words.

1. These days, airplanes travel over oceans regularly.
 - a. attempt
 - b. distant
 - c. barnstorm
 - d. cross
2. Raymond Orteig started a flying competition.
 - a. accomplishment
 - b. parade
 - c. ace
 - d. contest
3. Lindbergh's success inspired people's power to create in their minds.
 - a. graduates
 - b. imaginations
 - c. radios
 - d. contests
4. Many of the first non-stop flights between New York and France ended in terrible accidents.
 - a. disaster
 - b. barnstorm
 - c. parade
 - d. distant

Comprehension

A Match the pictures with the correct sentences.

- a. The giant 3-engine Sigorsky S-35 plane used by Fonck.
 b. Lindbergh preparing his plane called the *Spirit of St. Louis*.
 c. A modern-day barnstormer performing flying tricks.



1. _____



2. _____



3. _____

B Choose the best answer.

- Why did Rene Fonck's plane crash?
 - The plane did not have enough fuel.
 - The weather caused them to land early.
 - The plane was too heavy to fly.
 - He did not finish building his plane on time.
- Which job did Lindbergh NOT have during his career?

a. Doing plane tricks in different American states	b. Working for the United Air Service
c. Working in a hotel in New York	d. Delivering mail
- Why was Lindbergh successful?
 - He made the plane lighter so it could fly further.
 - He designed new wings for the plane.
 - He built a larger engine for the plane.
 - He built a longer runway for the plane to take off.

C Choose the correct phrase for each picture. One (1) choice will not be used.

- a. Inside the cabin of Lindbergh's plane
- b. People in France celebrating Lindbergh's accomplishment
- c. An early example of barnstorming
- d. A runway for a plane to take off and land
- e. The man who offered a reward for flying from France to New York



1. _____



2. _____



3. _____



4. _____

D Read each sentence. Write "T" if it is true or "F" if it is false.

1. _____ Lindbergh had never flown a plane by himself before he bought his first one.
2. _____ Orteig's hotel guests were mostly American pilots.
3. _____ Lindbergh named his plane in honor of some people from a city in Missouri.
4. _____ Lindbergh was more famous than the other pilots who wanted to cross the Atlantic.
5. _____ All of the pilots built airplanes with a single engine.

E Complete the sentences with the correct words.

1. Lindbergh _____ at the top of his class from the United States Air Service.
inspired graduated
2. Before Lindbergh's success, six well-known pilots lost their lives _____ to win the Orteig Prize.
attempting discouraging
3. During the celebration of Lindbergh's success, people caused a huge _____ in the streets.
barnstorm traffic jam
4. It took Lindbergh about 33 hours to _____ from New York to France.
cross distant
5. Lindbergh was given a(n) _____ in New York City.
parade accomplishment

F Number the events in order from 1=first to 5=last.

- a. _____ Lindbergh got a job delivering mail by airplane.
- b. _____ There was a big parade for Lindbergh to celebrate his accomplishment.
- c. _____ Lindbergh took off from the runway in New York missing some telephone lines by about 6 meters.
- d. _____ Lindbergh worked for the Nebraska Aircraft Corporation, where he learned to repair planes.
- e. _____ Lindbergh bought an airplane for 500 dollars.

Think About It

A Look in the reader to write the answers to the following 5-W questions.

Who?	What?	When?	Where?	Why?
A French pilot, _____ _____, attempted to fly a large plane with 3 engines.	Lindbergh removed the window, radio, parachute and _____ to lighten the plane.	In _____, a letter was written inviting pilots to fly from New York to Paris.	The <i>Spirit of St. Louis</i> landed in _____ _____, which is close to Paris.	Orteig gave a reward for the flight in order to improve the _____ between the United States and France.

B Complete the sentences below with your own ideas.

From this book, I learned _____

_____.

Before I read this book, I knew _____

_____.

Now I also know _____

_____.