

Lesson 5: Flying pioneers



Bessie Coleman was determined to learn to fly but flying schools in America wouldn't allow African American women to become pilots. Bessie taught herself French and in 1920 she moved to France, where she got her pilot's licence. She was the first African American woman to have a pilot's licence. Bessie wanted to open a school for people of all races to train as a pilot.

In 1920, **Amelia Earhart** learned to fly and bought her own plane. In 1932 she became the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean. In 1937, she tried to become the first person to fly all the way around the world. However, she disappeared in the middle of the attempt. To this day, her aeroplane has never been found no-one knows for sure what happened to her.



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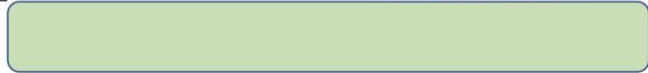
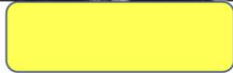
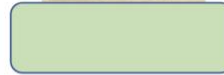
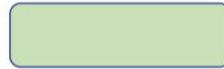
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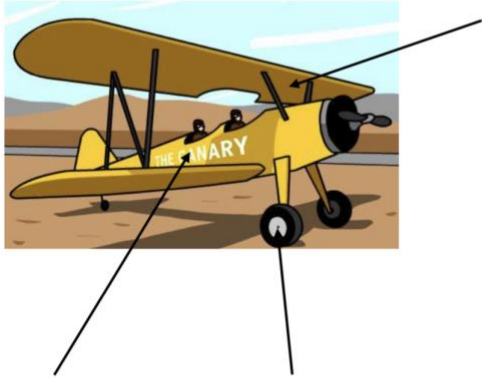


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Draw her route from New York to Ireland.

