

## **All About Amelia Earhart Common Core Literacy Scaffolding Questions**

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**Note to teachers and parents:** The standards listed here are taken from the Common Core Standards: *Grades 6-12, Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, & Technical Subjects* from the subset standards for grades 6-8. The standards listed here are 6-8.1-6.8-10. These Common Core Standards can be viewed in greater detail at this website:

<http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/RH/6-8/>

Some states have decided not to adopt the Common Core standards, but the new state standards are uniformly similar. Teachers who choose to use these questions in a state that has not adopted Common Core standards are encouraged to apply their own state standards to these questions. Teachers who choose to use these questions for grades other than 6-8 can find all of the Common Core standards at: <http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/>.

Teachers, please note that these questions are designed only to provide a very basic literacy scaffold and to provide examples. There is plenty of room for you to add your creativity and use your expertise to develop “why” questions and to help students make connections to other texts.

**The questions below should be answered using a complete sentence and with textual evidence from the reading. The questions for the Preface are answered as examples.**

### **Preface**

**Standards:** CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.1, CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.3, CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.5.

1. What was one of the flying accomplishments that Amelia Earhart was known for?

**Sample Answer:** Amelia Earhart became “...the first woman to fly solo, or alone, across the Atlantic Ocean in 1932” in addition to pioneering the skill of flying light aircraft.

2. Where did the plane that Amelia Earhart and Fred Noonan flew in likely crash in 1937?

**Sample Answer:** Amelia Earhart and Fred Noonan probably crashed in the Pacific Ocean “near the Marshall Islands” in 1937.

### **Chapter One**

**Standards:** CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.1, CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.3, CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.5

1. While growing up, Amelia Earhart enjoyed many activities normally associated with boys. How did her father react to this?
2. Give one example of how Amelia Earhart showed her appetite for achievement as a child.
3. What was one effect of her father's alcoholism on Amelia Earhart's family?

## Chapter Two

**Standards:** CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.1, CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.3, CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.4., CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.5.

1. What job did Amelia Earhart have during World War I?
2. Compare the pictures of Amelia Earhart and her instructor from pages 13 and 19. Give an example from the text to indicate why female pilots developed this distinctive look.
3. In what ways did Amelia Earhart's parents support her flying ambitions?

## Chapter Three

**Standards:** CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.1, CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.3, CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.5.

1. In what way did Amelia Earhart draw inspiration from other women?
2. Give one example of the type of work that Amelia Earhart did at the Denison House.
3. What did Charles Lindbergh achieve?

## Chapter Four

**Standards:** CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.1, CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.3, CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.4., CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.5.

1. How did Amelia Earhart meet her future husband?
2. Study the images on pages 43 and 44. Given what you have read, describe one reason that the crowds were so interested in Amelia Earhart.
3. Describe one way in which Amelia Earhart supported other female pilots.

## Chapter Five

**Standards:** CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.1, CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.3, CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.5.

1. What was Amelia Earhart's attitude towards marriage?
2. Name one hardship that Amelia Earhart had to persevere through in her 1931 solo flight across the Atlantic Ocean.
3. Describe the relationship between Amelia Earhart and Eleanor Roosevelt.

## Chapter Six

**Standards:** CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.1, CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.3, CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.5.

1. How did Amelia Earhart come to be a professor at Purdue University?
2. What were some aviation achievements that Amelia Earhart set in the 1930's?
3. What was the plan for the Lockheed Electra at Purdue?

## Chapter Seven

**Standards:** CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.1, CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.3, CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.5.

1. Analyze the image on page 74. Given what you have read; why didn't the Navy pilots just fly straight across the Atlantic?
2. What was the problem with flying across the Pacific Ocean?
3. Why did Amelia Earhart leave the Morse Code machine out of her plane?

## Chapter Eight

**Standards:** CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.1, CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.3, CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.5.

1. How did Amelia Earhart communicate with Fred Noonan in the Navy cockpit?
2. Give one example of something interesting that Amelia Earhart and Fred Noonan encountered on their trip.
3. What was the challenge involved in landing at Howland Island?

## Chapter Nine

**Standards:** CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.1, CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.3, CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.5.

1. Give one example of something that went wrong on the trip to Howland Island.
2. Why were the people who heard Amelia Earhart's voice on their radios not listened to?
3. Give one example of a theory regarding what might have happened to Amelia Earhart and Fred Noonan when they disappeared over the Pacific.

### Text Analysis Questions

**Standards:** CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.2, CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.4, CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.9, CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.8.

- I.** On August 18, 1920; the 19<sup>th</sup> amendment to the United States became an official part of the U.S. Constitution. It reads:

**Amendment XIX.** *The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex. Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation*

- II.** In May of 1927, Charles Lindbergh completed the first solo flight across the Atlantic Ocean. In a 1999 biography titled *Lindbergh*, Scott A. Berg wrote this about the technology that helped to make the pilot famous:

*By [1927], radio, telephones, radiographs, and the Bartlane Cable Process could transmit images and voices around the world within seconds. What was more, motion pictures had just mastered the synchronization of sound, allowing dramatic moments to be preserved in all their glory and distributed worldwide. For the first time, all of civilization could share as one the sights and sounds of an event- almost simultaneously (p. 4).*

- III. Prompt:** Review both the 19<sup>th</sup> amendment and the quote from Berg about the technology available by 1927. Given these developments, in what ways was Amelia Earhart a woman of her times? In other words, what are some examples of how her life was affected by the women's rights movements and by the evolving technology of the early 20<sup>th</sup> century? Include textual evidence from *All About Amelia Earhart* in your answer.



ALTITUDE

AMELIA

ATCHISON

BIPLANE

COCKPIT

COLUMBIA

DENISON HOUSE

DES MOINES

EARHART

FLIGHT

GEORGE

HOWLAND ISLAND

LOCKHEED

LOGBOOK

MORSE CODE

MURIEL

NAVIGATOR

NINETY-NINES

PACIFIC

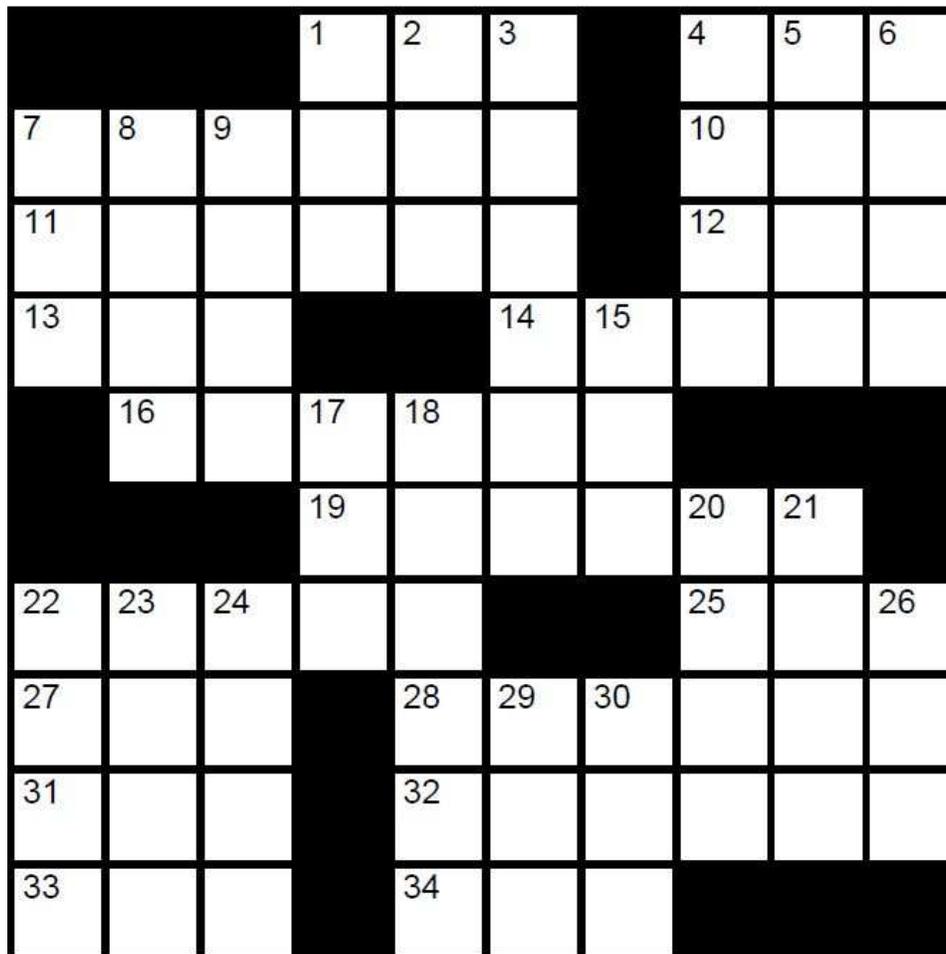
PILOT

PURDUE

SOLO

THE FUN OF IT

TRANSATLANTIC



**Across**

1. Toy gun ammo
4. Old airline initials
7. Amelia's younger sister
10. Roman numeral 3
11. No longer surprised by (2 wds.)
12. "This \_\_\_ up"
13. Student's transcript stat. (Inits.)
14. Deep, narrow mountain pass
16. Kind of football pass
19. Ballpark hot dog seller, e.g.
22. Fireplace residue
25. By way of
27. One of the Three Stooges
28. Set back from the margin
31. Bullfight cheer
32. Amelia's husband
33. Do, re, mi, fa, \_\_\_
34. *The Voice* TV network (Inits.)

**Down**

1. Participate in an auction
2. Gamble at a casino
3. "Just do it," to Nike
4. Stadium level
5. Airplane part used to fly
6. A person who helps
7. Coffee cup
8. Snail-mail system (Inits.)
9. Harvest crops
15. Getting on in years
17. "\_\_\_ had it!"
18. Quit a job
20. Finished for good
21. Jewelry for a finger
22. "Famous" cookie man
23. Fly alone
24. Part of a foot
26. Had lunch
29. Omaha's state (Abbr.)
30. "What's up, \_\_\_?"

