

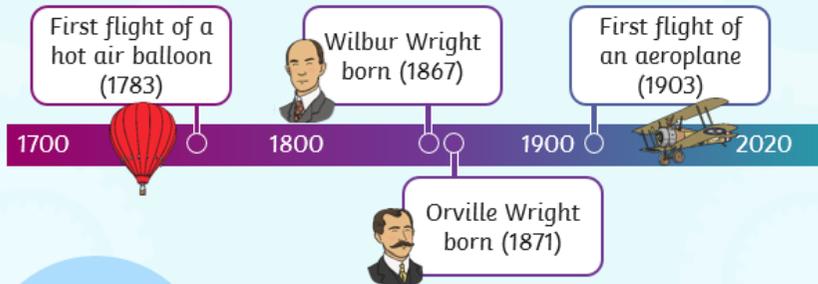
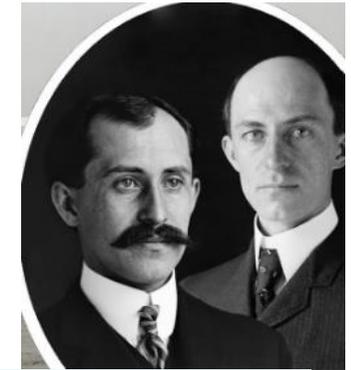
The First Aeroplane Flight

December 17, 1903

The first aeroplane flight was on this date.



It was two brothers called Orville and Wilbur Wright invented the aeroplane; this was a huge milestone in the world of international travel and transportation. It meant that people could take trips that previously would have taken months by train or boat.



The brothers grew up in America. As children they enjoyed coming up with new inventions.

It was Orville Wright who made the first flight in California, America. The flight lasted for **12 seconds** and went to 120 feet.

The two brothers studied birds and looked carefully at how they use their wings to fly to help them to build their first aeroplane.

That's three times as high as 9 double Deckerbuses on top of each other!



It was 54 more years before planes could carry more than one person!



Without this event happening, we wouldn't be able to travel abroad to other countries as easily as we do!

It is thanks to aeroplanes that we can now get to places a lot faster and we can now go to more places in the World!

Key vocabulary

Pilot	A person who operates the flying controls of an aircraft.
Aviation	The flying or operating of aircraft.
Achievement	Something done successfully after lots of effort.
Studied	To learn about something.



First airliner flight (carrying passengers) (1957)

