

Amelia Earhart

Amelia Earhart was an American **aviator** who set many flying **records** and **championed** the **advancement** of women in **aviation**. She became the first woman to fly **solo** across the Atlantic Ocean, and the first person ever to fly **solo** from Hawaii to the U.S. **mainland**. During a flight to **circumnavigate** the globe, Earhart disappeared somewhere over the Pacific in July 1937. Her plane **wreckage** was never found, and she was officially **declared** lost at sea. Her disappearance remains one of the greatest unsolved **mysteries** of the twentieth century.

Vocabulary:

aviator - *noun* someone who operates an aircraft

record - *noun* the sum of recognized accomplishments; an extreme attainment; the best (or worst) performance ever attested (as in a sport); a compilation of the known facts regarding something or someone; anything (such as a document or a phonograph record or a photograph) providing permanent evidence of or information about past events; a document that can serve as legal evidence of a transaction; the number of wins versus losses and ties a team has had; sound recording consisting of a disk with a continuous groove; used to reproduce music by rotating while a phonograph needle tracks in the groove; a list of crimes for which an accused person has been previously convicted; *verb* register electronically; make a record of; set down in permanent form; be aware of; be or provide a memorial to a person or an event; indicate a certain reading; of gauges and instruments

champion - *adj.* holding first place in a contest; *noun* someone who fights for a cause; someone who has won first place in a competition; someone who is dazzlingly skilled in any field; a person who backs a politician or a team etc.; *verb* protect or fight for as a champion

advancement - *noun* gradual improvement or growth or development; the act of moving forward toward a goal; encouragement of the progress or growth or acceptance of something

aviation - *noun* the art of operating aircraft; the operation of aircraft to provide transportation; the aggregation of a country's military aircraft; travel via aircraft

solo - *adj.* composed or performed by a single voice or instrument; *adv.* without anybody else; *noun* a flight in which the aircraft pilot is unaccompanied; any activity that is performed alone without assistance; a musical composition for one voice or instrument (with or without accompaniment); *verb* perform a piece written for a single instrument; fly alone, without a co-pilot or passengers

mainland - *noun* the main land mass of a country or continent; as distinguished from an island or peninsula

circumnavigate - *verb* travel around, either by plane or ship

wreckage - *noun* the remaining parts of something that has been wrecked

declare - *verb* state firmly; declare to be; proclaim one's support, sympathy, or opinion for or against; state emphatically and authoritatively; make a declaration (of dutiable goods) to a customs official; designate (a trump suit or no-trump) with the final bid of a hand; authorize payments of; announce publicly or officially

mystery - *noun* something that baffles understanding and cannot be explained; a story about a crime (usually murder) presented as a novel or play or movie