

The Wright Brothers

Wilbur and Orville Wright were brothers. They grew up in the USA. They are known for inventing and testing the first aeroplane.

Their Childhood

Wilbur was born in 1867. Orville was born a few years later in 1871. The brothers loved to build things and think of new ideas. Their father gave them a toy helicopter. It flew with the help of rubber bands. This made them want to fly.

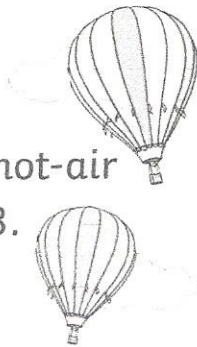
The brothers found out lots about how birds fly. This helped them to understand how to make wings for aeroplanes.

Their Flights

Orville made the first flight in an aeroplane. This was in North Carolina in December 1903. He flew 120 feet through the air. This is as long as four and a half buses. The flight only lasted for 12 seconds but the brothers did not give up. Wilbur tried to fly a new aircraft in November 1904. This time, the flight lasted for over five minutes.

Timeline

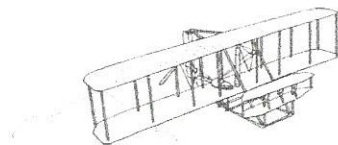
The first flight in a hot-air balloon was in 1783.



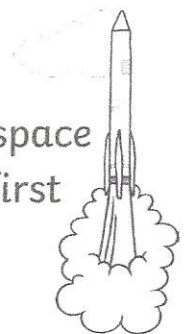
A helicopter was first flown in 1907.



The Wright brothers first flew a powered aeroplane in 1903.



A person flew into space in a rocket for the first time in 1961.



Questions

1. What are the Wright brothers known for? Tick one.

- ☐ inventing the first aeroplane
- ☐ inventing the first rocket
- ☐ inventing the first hot-air balloon

2. Draw **three** lines and match each year with the event that happened.

1871

Wilbur tried to fly a new aircraft.

1903

Orville was born.

1904

Orville made the first flight in an aeroplane.

3. When was Wilbur born? Tick one.

- ☐ 1783
- ☐ 1901
- ☐ 1867

4. Find and copy how long the first flight lasted for.

5. What helped the brothers to understand how to make wings?
