

Aviation History ABCs

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For little historians who look up at the sky and ask, "Who flew first?"



for my kids, love Dad

A



A is for Amelia Earhart

A is for Amelia Earhart — first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic.

B



B is for Bessie Coleman

B is for Bessie Coleman — first Black woman pilot in the world.



C



C is for Charles Lindbergh

C is for Charles Lindbergh — New York to Paris alone in 1927.

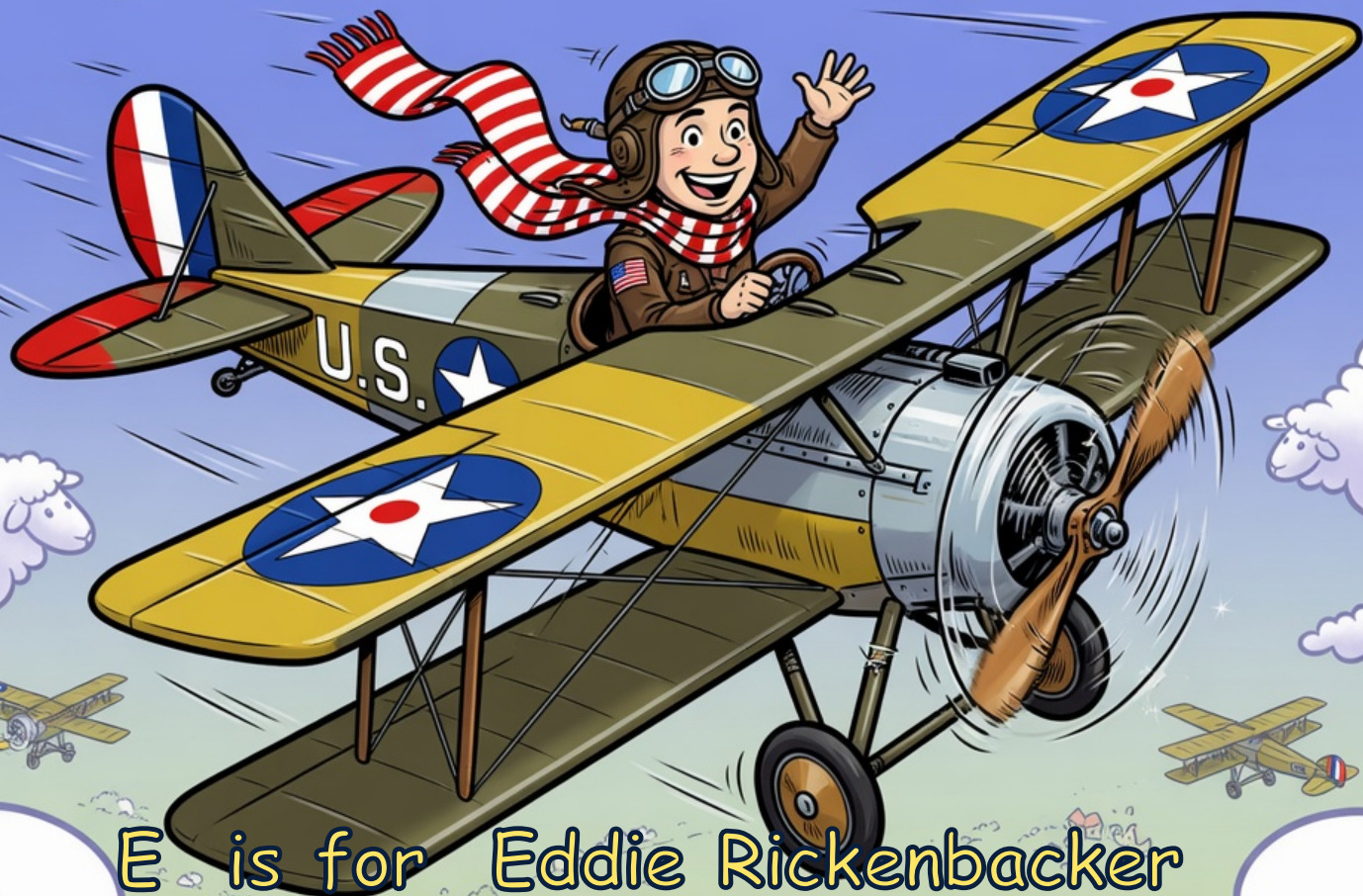
D



D is for Douglas DC-3

D is for Douglas DC-3 — the airliner that made flying common.

E



E is for Eddie Rickenbacker — America's top flying ace of World War I.

F



F is for First Flight



F is for First Flight — twelve seconds at Kitty Hawk in 1903.

G



G is for Golden Age

G is for Golden Age — races, records, and shiny new planes.

H



H is for Howard Hughes

H is for Howard Hughes — record pilot and plane builder.

I



I is for Igor Sikorsky

I is for Igor Sikorsky — he built helicopters that could hover.



J



J is for Jet Age

J is for Jet Age — the first jet plane flew in 1939.

K



K is for Kitty Hawk

K is for Kitty Hawk — dunes by the sea where flight began.

L



L is for Lockheed

L is for Lockheed - Constellation, U-2, and SR-71.

M



M is for Mae Jemison

M is for Mae Jemison — first Black woman astronaut.

N



N is for Navy Blue Angels

N is for Navy Blue Angels — the precision airshow team.

O



O is for Otto Lilienthal

O is for Otto Lilienthal — glider pioneer before the Wrights.



P



P is for Pan Am Clippers

P is for Pan Am Clippers — flying boats across the oceans.

Q



Q is for Quest

Q is for Quest — always higher, farther, and faster.

R



R is for Rosie the Riveter

R is for Rosie the Riveter — women who built warplanes.

S



S is for Spitfire

S is for Spitfire — famous fighter of the Battle of Britain.

T



T is for Transatlantic

T is for Transatlantic — flights linking Europe and America.

U



U is for U-2

U is for U-2 — a spy plane flying near the edge of space.

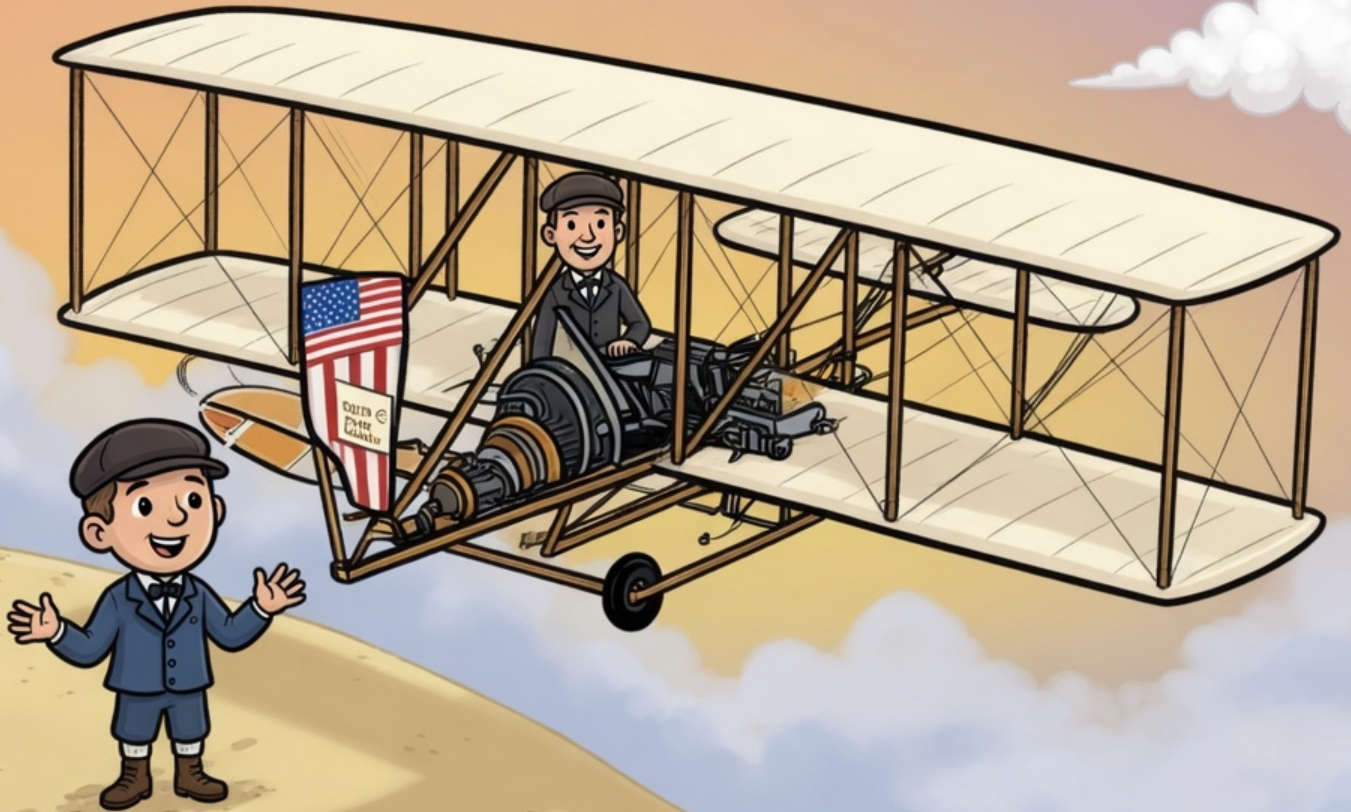
V



V is for Voyager

V is for Voyager — around the world without stopping for fuel.

W



W is for Wright Brothers

W is for Wright Brothers — they invented the airplane.

X



X is for X-1

X is for X-1 first to break the sound barrier.

Y



Y is for Yuri Gagarin

Y is for Yuri Gagarin — first human in space.

Z



Z is for Zeppelin

Z is for Zeppelin — giant airships in the clouds.

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history keeps flying. Clear skies!



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