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First in Flight:

The Wright Brothers

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Toys That Fly

The Wright brothers were very **curious** about the world. They liked to learn about how things work. Wilbur and Orville loved to study and learn about **flying**. They studied at home and at school.



One day, their father gave them a new **toy** that flew. They loved it! The brothers loved all kinds of flying things. They really wanted to fly. They also wanted to be the first in flight.



At school, the brothers sold **kites**. They enjoyed making them for their friends. They also studied about birds and flying all the time.





The brothers grew older and started a bicycle shop. This helped them learn about machines. They studied flying there, too. They made bicycles and big kites.

Learning from Gliders

The Wright brothers called their big kites, **gliders**. These gliders had **wings**. They made them so that they could sit in them to fly.



The Wright brothers could fly on the gliders for a short time. But the gliders did not fly very well. The Wright brothers needed to make them better. They believed it took more **control** to fly the gliders well.

