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The story of Amelia Earhart



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World's fair
The St. Louis World's Fair in Missouri showed treasures from all over the world. The fair looked like a mini city full of palaces and fountains. But it was a temporary attraction and was taken down in 1904 after just seven months.

Roller coaster girl

Amelia Earhart gazed up at the roller coaster. Its steep, looping curves seemed almost to touch the sky. Amelia tensed with excitement.

"I want to ride on it!" she cried. Her mother looked doubtful. Amelia was only seven.

"I'm not going to," said Amelia's four-year old sister, Muriel. "You'll have to try it without me."

Then Amelia's father came to the rescue.

"I'll take you, Amelia," he said. "We shouldn't miss it. Here we are at the St. Louis World's Fair and this roller coaster ride looks like more fun than anything."

Father and daughter got into the car and then jolted to a start. Slowly they climbed the first curve.

Then they plunged down faster and faster. Amelia screamed with delight. How silly of Mother and Muriel to stay on the ground, she thought. They could be whirling through the air like her.

Her eyes shone as she climbed out after the ride.

"It's like flying!" she exclaimed. Little did she know, Amelia had found the way in which one day she would become world-famous.



Keeping cool

The fair was held in hot weather and gallons of ice cream were sold. To make it easy to eat, the first edible cones were invented.





Train travel

Steam trains first appeared in the U.S. in the 1820s. They had dining cars and sleeping cars for rich passengers.



Birthplace

Amelia's grandparents' house still stands above the fast-flowing Missouri River. It is now the Amelia Earhart Museum.

The Earharts returned to Kansas City, where Amelia's father worked in a railroad office.

"Let's make our own roller coaster," Amelia suggested.

With the help of Muriel and an uncle she built a wooden track which she nailed to the shed roof. Next she found a small cart and hauled it up onto the roof.

Amelia scrambled on board and zoomed down the track. The moment she landed she jumped out and hauled the cart back to the roof. The sense of flying was wonderful.

Amelia's whole life was a bit like a roller coaster, with its ups and downs. She was born in 1897 at her grandparents' lovely home in Atchison, Kansas.








Amelia Earhart is a famous woman pilot. She is about to set off on the most dangerous flight ever attempted...



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