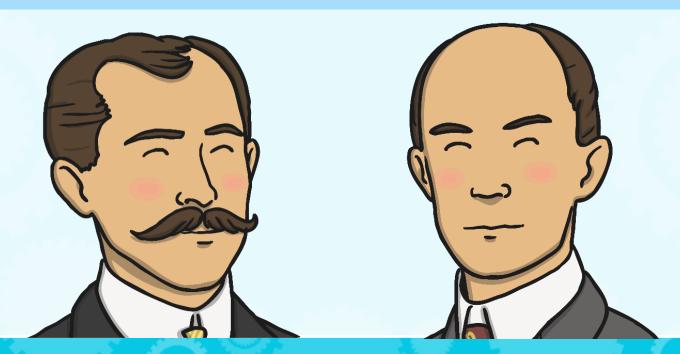


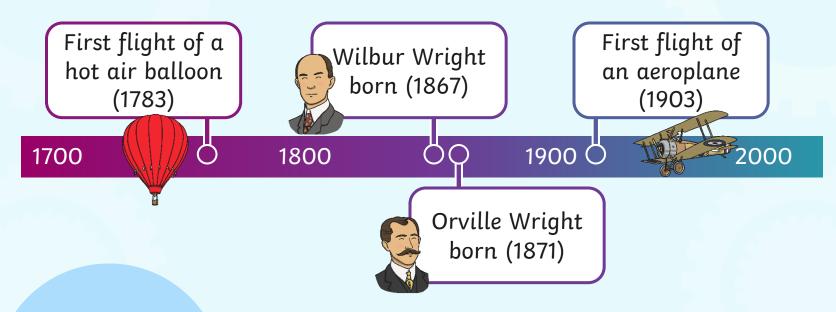


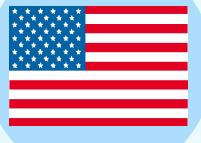


Orville and Wilbur Wright invented the aeroplane; this was a huge milestone in the world of international transportation.

Today people can take trips that previously would have taken months by train or boat, now taking a few hours by plane.

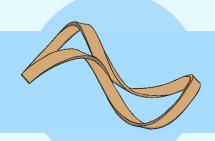






The brothers grew up in America. As children they enjoyed coming up with new inventions.

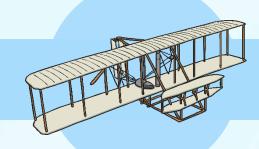
Their interest in flight began when their father bought them a toy 'helicopter' which flew with the help of rubber bands.





As they grew older, they learned how to make efficient propellers and studied how birds flew to aid their wing designs.

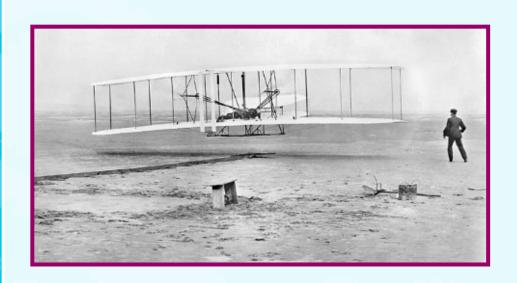
They also learned how to make lightweight engines.



Orville made the first flight in North Carolina, December 1903.

He flew 120 feet, lasting 12 seconds.

As the day went on, both brothers had flights which lasted for increasingly longer periods of time.







How is the plane different to a modern plane?







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In November 1904, using a newly designed craft named Flyer II, Wilbur took to the skies.

This flight lasted for over 5 minutes.



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