The Wright brothers The Wright brothers grew up in America. Wilbur was the eldest, he was born in 1867 Orville was born in 1871. Both brothers Loved to invent things. Their dad bought the boys a helicopter which sparked their interest of flight. The first flight The first flight took place on 17th December 1903. They flew the plane at the beach it lasted for 12 seconds. Interesting Fact Did you know Orville and Wilbur didn't have engineering training, they studied birds to help design the aeroplane. Future Flight Planes have changed over time they are led by technology and can fly for miles at a time. Lots of people travel on planes to go on holiday or for business meetings