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Joseph-Michel Montgolfier

USEFUL WEBSITES

- 1 www.britannica.com/EBchecked/topic/1404137/Joseph-Michel-and-Jacques-Etienne-Montgolfier This site has images of both the ballooning Montgolfier brothers and a fine contemporary image of one of their balloons ascending.
- 2 inventors.about.com/od/astartinventions/a/air_balloon.htm This site, which includes advertising, outlines the early history of ballooning and also has an illustration of one of the Montgolfier balloons.
- 3 www.howstuffworks.com/search.php?terms=hot+air+balloons
 This link will lead to various pages with illustrations demonstrating how *modern* hot air balloons work, using gas burners rather than open fires to heat the air.

Louis Blériot

USEFUL WEBSITES

1 www.air-racing-history.com/PILOTS/Louis%20Bleriot.htm

This site gives more details of the development of Blériot's various early aeroplanes, with (rather blurred) photos of the most significant ones.

2 <u>www.youtube.com/watch?v=RkJymMK33Zk</u>

This YouTube clip has still photos and video of what looks to be a modern reconstruction of the Blériot XI areroplane.

 ${\color{blue}3} \quad \underline{science.howstuffworks.com/transport/flight/classic/bleriot-xi.htm}$

This article discusses the Blériot XI design of aeroplane generally, of which many were produced beyond the one in which Blériot flew the Channel. It discusses briefly some of its design flaws, which led to some accidents.

Charles Lindbergh

USEFUL WEBSITES

1 www.youtube.com/watch?v=uIUL_qUJUOo

This area of YouTube contains several video clips of Lindbergh flying The Spirit of Saint Louis.

2 <u>www.charleslindbergh.com/history/paris.asp</u>

This site gives a more detailed description of Lindbergh's transatlantic solo flight than the one given in the story.

3 <u>www.eyewitnesstohistory.com/lindbergh.htm</u>

This site gives an account of the solo transatlantic flight in Lindbergh's own words.

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FURTHER RESEARCH (CONTINUED)

Amelia Earhart

USEFUL WEBSITES

1 <u>www.biography.com/people/amelia-earhart-9283280/photos</u>
This site has many photographs of Earhart, some of which include her husband.

2 www.ameliaearhartmuseum.org

This site gives details of the museum at Earhart's birthplace in Kansas.

3 www.ameliaearhart.com

This is the Official Amelia Earhart Website and gives links to other sites with Earhart material. Note that there is a lot of fantasy on the web about Earhart's possible survival of her disappearance and subsequent life as a castaway on an island as a prisoner of the Japanese.

PLACES TO VISIT

Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum, Kansas, USA

The gothic-revival cottage where Earhart was born and spent her early childhood. It is now a museum dedicated to her life.

Amy Johnson

USEFUL WEBSITES

1 <u>www.youtube.com/watch?v=QZRg6bPJ8jE</u>

This area of YouTube has a long video sequence, including Amy Johnson speaking at her various receptions in Australia.

2 <u>www.sciencemuseum.org.uk/onlinestuff/stories/amy_johnson.aspx</u>

This site has extra details of Johnson's career and a few photographs.

www.theguardian.com/uk/2003/oct/20/stevenmorris

This is a news report about the possible discovery of the wreck of Johnson's aeroplane in the Thames estuary, and includes a brief account of her death and of the conspiracy theories which developed after her death.