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THE WILBUR AND ORVILLE WRIGHT STORY

Directions: On December 17, 1903, Wilbur and Orville Wright became the first men to fly in an engine-powered aircraft. Visit the Web site provided to learn more about the Wright Brothers. Then read each sentence below. Three possible endings are beneath each sentence. Make an X on the line before the word or words that correctly completes each sentence.



Web Resource:

The Wilbur and Orville Wright Story

<http://www.isc.nasa.gov/er/seh/Wright1.html>

1. In 1892, the Wright Brothers opened
 a. a bicycle shop.
 b. an airport.
 c. a glider factory.
2. When they had trouble controlling their glider, the Wright Brothers built a
 a. rudder.
 b. steering wheel.
 c. wind tunnel.
3. The Wright Brothers became interested in flying when their father gave them a
 a. toy bird.
 b. helicopter.
 c. paper airplane.
4. The Wright brothers first flew their glider in
 a. Kitty Hawk, North Carolina.
 b. Columbus, Ohio.
 c. Paris, France.
5. In 1908, the Wright Brothers conducted tests for
 a. France.
 b. the U.S. Army.
 c. the U.S. Air Force.

Something to Think About: Learn more about airplanes at <http://www.nasm.si.edu/galleries/GAL109/NEWHTF/HTF500.HTM>. How were the Wright brothers' planes like today's aircraft? How were they different?

Learn More: Look at the images at <http://www.firstflight.org/wrightbros.cfm>. and then go to <http://www.faa.gov/education/curric/1903fly.cfm> and make a Styrofoam 1903 Wright Flyer.