

Fast Facts About Wilbur & Orville Wright

BIRTH/DEATH: Wilbur was born April 16, 1867 and died May 30, 1912. Orville was born August 19, 1871 and died January 30, 1948.



PLACE OF BIRTH: Wilbur was born in Indiana and Orville was born in Ohio.

EDUCATION: Attended high school

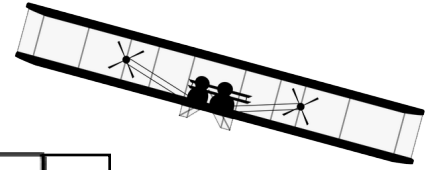
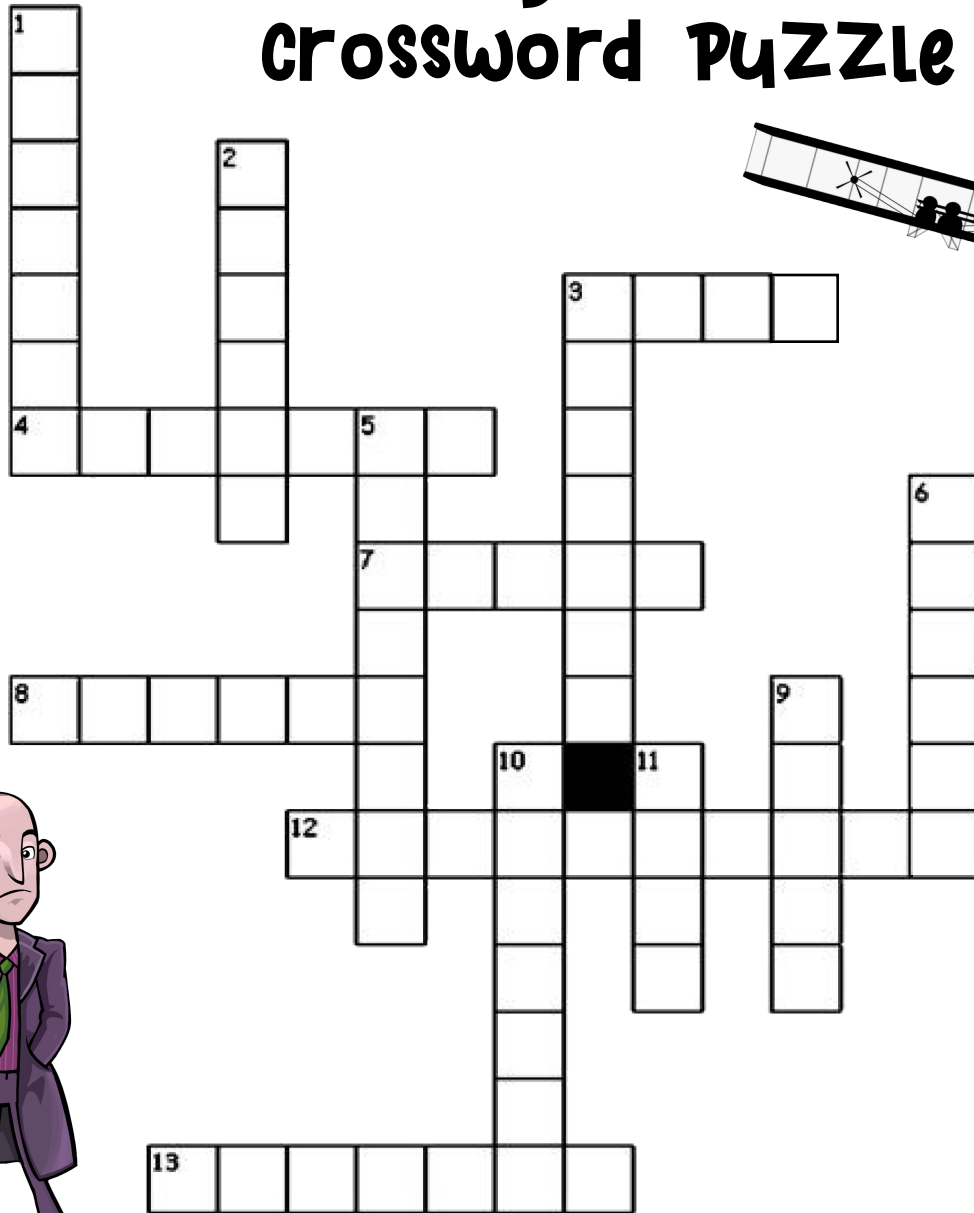
OCCUPATION: Pilots, inventors, bicycle shop owners

KNOWN FOR: Building and flying the first motorized airplane

DID YOU KNOW?

- They are known as the “fathers of modern aviation”.
- When they were young, their father gave them a toy helicopter which began their interest in flying.
- They went to Kitty Hawk, North Carolina to test the airplane. The brothers tossed a coin to see who would test the Wright Flyer.
- Older brother Wilbur won the toss, but his first attempt was unsuccessful and caused minor damage to the aircraft.
- After several more tries, Wilbur successfully flew the plane for almost one minute.
- Neil Armstrong brought a piece of the Wright Flyer to the moon.

The Wright Brothers Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

3. The brothers only flew together _____.
4. Their first flight only lasted for twelve _____.
7. The name of their shop was Wright _____ Company.
8. You can see their original flyer at a _____ in Washington, D.C.
12. Their father gave them a toy _____ to play with as children.
13. Neither of the brothers ever _____.

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1. The brothers were very _____ as kids.
2. They grew up in _____, Ohio.
3. _____ was the younger brother.
5. Their first flight was on _____ 17, 1903.
6. This brother was the oldest.
9. Their first flight took place at _____ Hawk, North Carolina.
10. They opened a _____ shop in Ohio.
11. The brothers were _____ years apart.