



Reading for Comprehension

Book B



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Instructions

In this Reading Comprehension lesson, students will read a short story. Then answer the 5 comprehension questions.

On the last page, there is a writing prompt/question for students to answer and write 2-4 sentences answering the question(s).

The answers to the questions are in the story.

The last page also has a picture(s) and sometimes a video having to do with the lesson.

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Who was the first African American pilot?



A crowd watched the old airplane fly over their heads. Suddenly, it dropped. It fell straight toward the crowd. People began to run. Would the plane crash? No. It flew back up just in time. The whole thing had been one of Bessie Coleman's air tricks.

Before that air show in 1923, few people had ever seen a black pilot. African Americans could not get into flying schools in the United States. But the flying bug had hit Bessie hard. So she went to France to learn to fly. Back home, she became the first African American pilot ever.

Who was the first African American Pilot?



For years, Bessie flew in air shows. She loved it. Her dream was to start a flying school for African Americans. Bessie saved her money. But she never seemed to have enough.

In 1926, Bessie was killed jumping from a plane. In a ways, though, her dream did come true. Today, black pilots in the United States can learn to fly in their own country.

Bessie coleman's dream was to start

_____.

- a. An air show
- b. Her own town
- c. A flying school
- d. Making airplanes

Which word in paragraph 1 means “a large group of people”?

- a. heads
- b. crash
- c. crowd
- d. thing

The story tells about Bessie's

_____.

- a. flying
- b. family
- c. friends
- d. children

Which paragraph tells where Bessie learned to fly?

- a. 1
- b. 2
- c. 3
- d. 4

You can guess from the story that Bessie went to flying school in France because

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- a. The school allowed African Americans
- b. She liked French people
- c. The school was cheap
- d. The weather was nice

Think of an airplane you have seen in person, on television, or in a book. Tell about what it looks like.



How I use this in my online teaching.

In my online classes, I will have students read the story aloud to me and I will help them as needed with words that may be difficult for them to pronounce. Then we will answer the 5 comprehension questions together with me going back to the story as needed to show them where in the story the answer to that question is.

On the last page, there is an essay questions. I have students use either paper and pencil, or typing in a doc using screen share so I can help them with sentence structure, grammar, and spelling. If students prefer paper, I will have them either show me on camera in class, or take a picture of their writing and send to me in the appropriate way on the platform they are on with me.

Some stories do have a video to go long with the lesson, but not all do. Use videos that are topic related to help further study on the topic in the story.