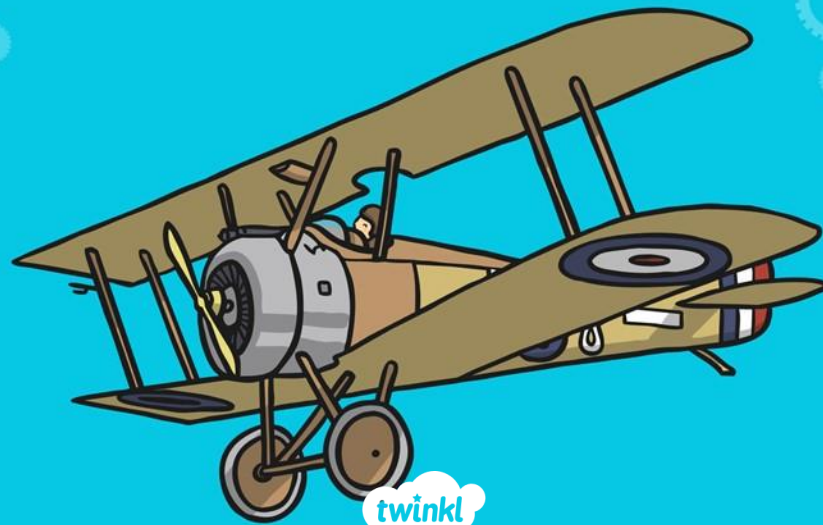


A History of Flight



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Early Attempts at Flight

Have you ever wanted to fly?

People have been telling stories about flying for thousands of years. We have always wanted to fly!

This painting tells part of the story of Icarus, an Ancient Greek myth that is over 2000 years old! Can you spot Icarus in the picture?

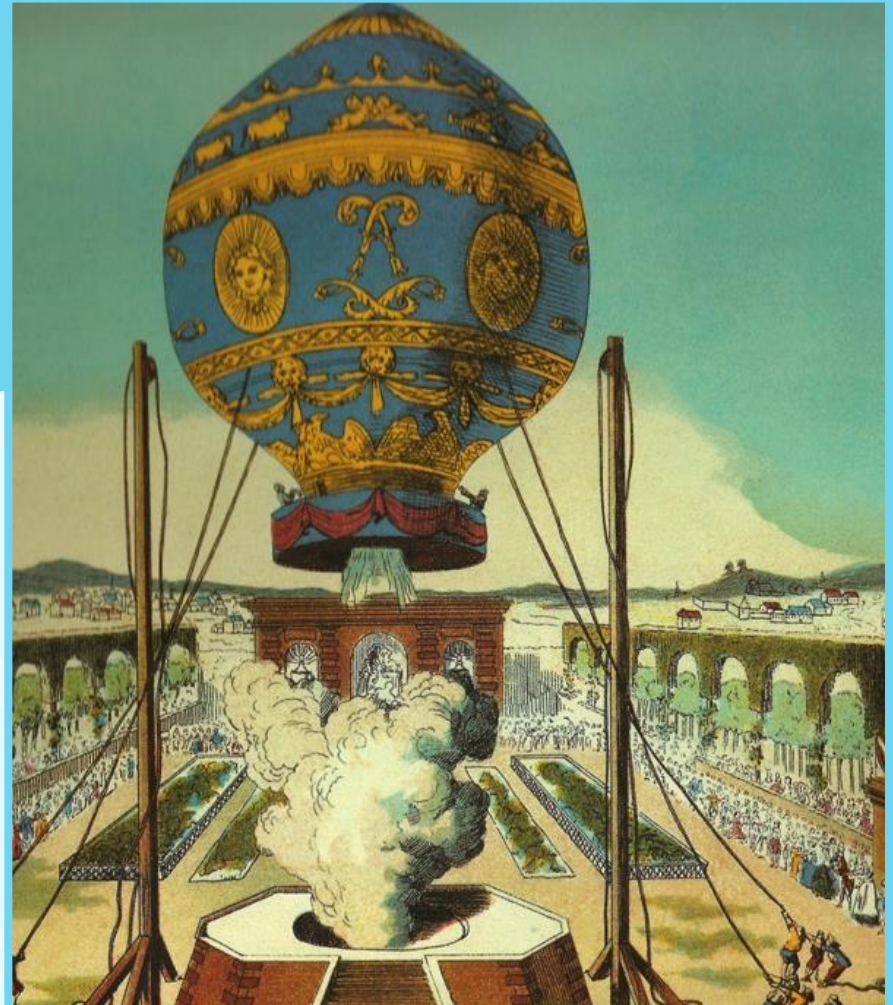


The Hot Air Balloon

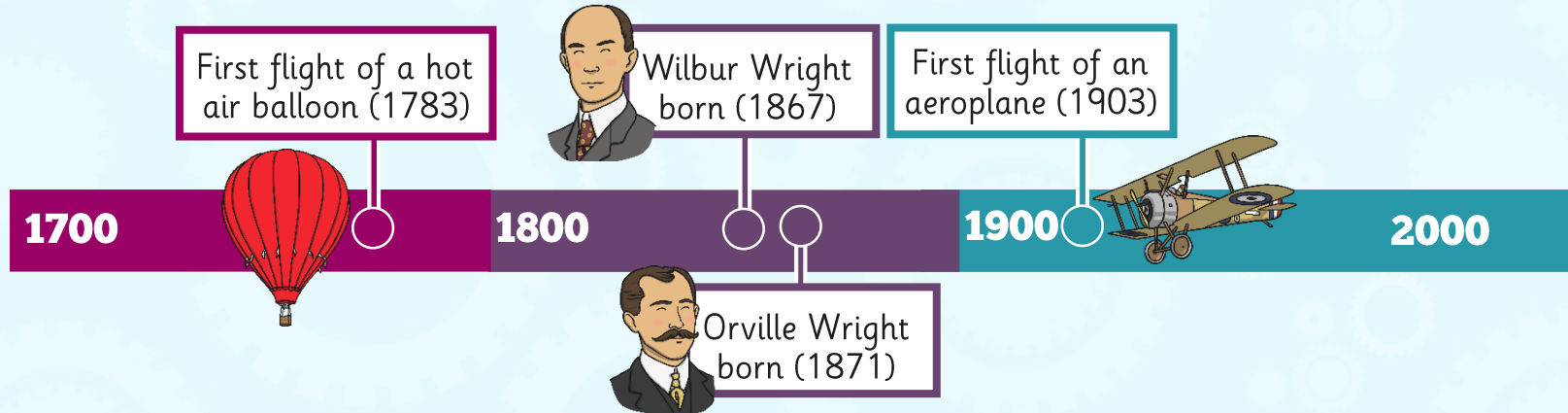


The hot air balloon was invented by Montgolfier brothers in 1783. It has become the oldest invention that can successfully take people into flight.

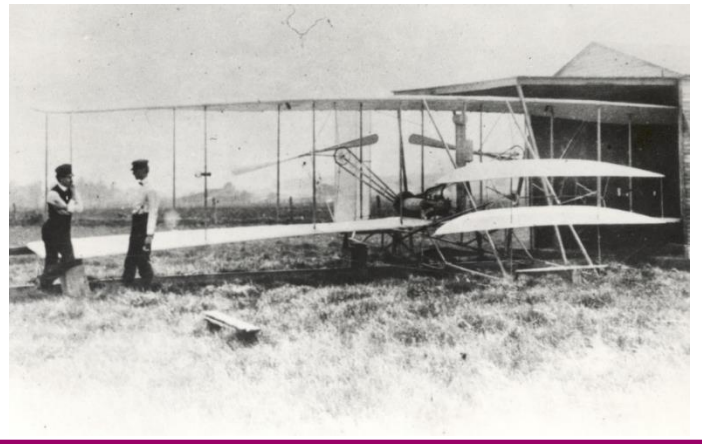
The illustration on the right shows the first manned hot air balloon flight in Paris, 1783.



Who invented the aeroplane?



Orville and Wilbur Wright were two brothers, born in America. Their interest in flight began when their father bought them a toy 'helicopter'. They made and sold bicycles but then began to experiment with creating their own flying machine! Their first aeroplane, the Wright Flyer, successfully flew in front of 5 people in 1903.



What Were the Early Planes Like and How did They Fly?

What similarities and differences can you spot between the Wright Flyer and a modern aeroplane?



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Can You Order These Events in the History of Flight?

Can you guess in which order these things happened?

1700

1800

1900

2000

First flight of a hot air balloon



First flight of an aeroplane



First flight of a helicopter



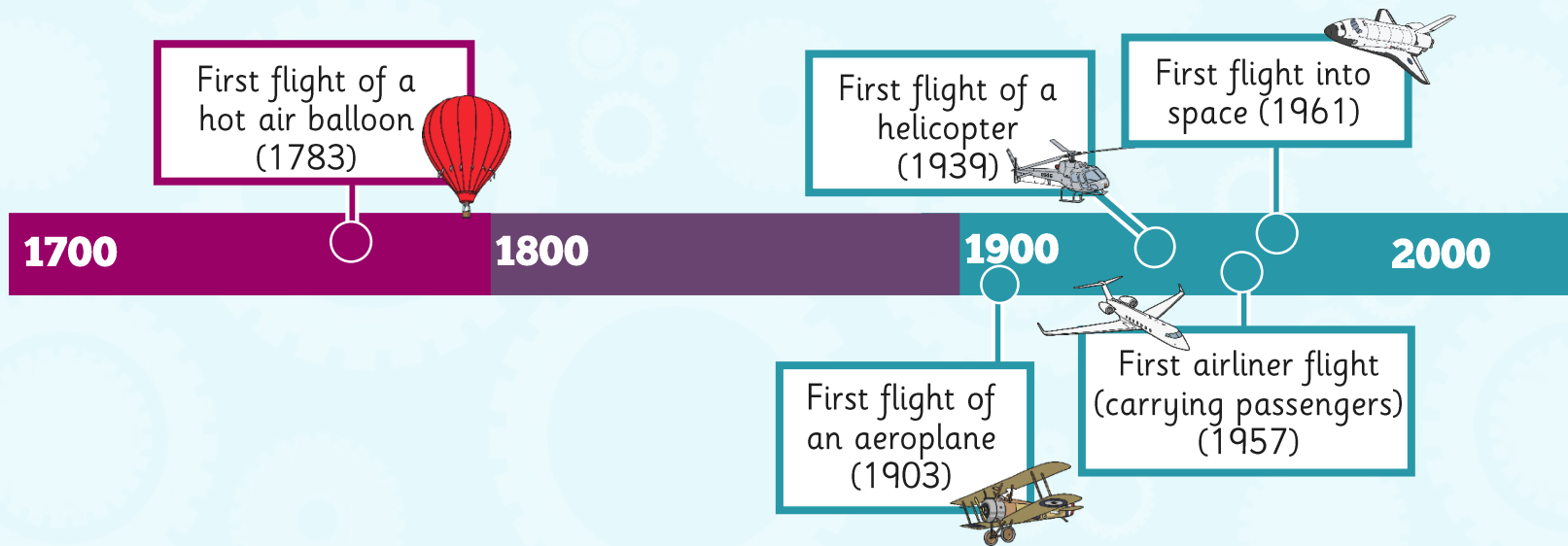
First airliner flight (carrying passengers)



First flight into space



History of Flight Timeline



How has the invention of aeroplanes changed the way people live?