

The Wright Brothers

Wilbur and Orville Wright were brothers. They grew up in the USA. They are known for inventing and testing the first aeroplane.

Their Childhood

Wilbur was born in 1867. Orville was born a few years later in 1871. The brothers loved to build things and think of new ideas. Their father gave them a toy helicopter. It flew with the help of rubber bands. This made them want to fly.

The brothers found out lots about how birds fly. This helped them to understand how to make wings for aeroplanes.

Their Flights

Orville made the first flight in an aeroplane. This was in North Carolina in December 1903. He flew 120 feet through the air. This is as long as four and a half buses. The flight only lasted for 12 seconds but the brothers did not give up. Wilbur tried to fly a new aircraft in November 1904. This time, the flight lasted for over five minutes.

Timeline

