

History in Motion

Use sequence and exact details in a factual historical account.

L6-8WHST3 "Not applicable as a separate requirement."

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1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline words or phrases that show when events happen or what happens next. Circle two precise facts that make the account clear and accurate.

The Wright Brothers Fly

- ① Early on December 17, 1903, wind swept across the sand dunes near Kitty Hawk, North Carolina. Orville Wright lay on the lower wing of a machine called the Flyer while Wilbur ran beside it. The brothers had tested gliders for years and built a gasoline engine for this aircraft. At 10:35 a.m., the Flyer rose from level ground. It stayed in the air for 12 seconds and traveled 120 feet before landing in the sand.
- ② The first flight was short, but the experiment continued. After each attempt, the brothers returned the Flyer to its starting rail and prepared it again. Wilbur made the second flight, and Orville made the third. During the fourth flight, Wilbur remained aloft for 59 seconds and covered 852 feet. A gust then damaged the Flyer after it landed. The machine could not fly again that day, but its controlled flights had shown that powered flight was possible.
- ③ News of the flights did not make the Wright brothers famous at once. Some newspapers doubted early reports, and the brothers continued improving their designs. In 1908, they gave public flight demonstrations in France and the United States. Crowds watched their airplanes turn, circle, and land under control. The 1903 flights mattered because the Flyer used an engine and a propeller system, while the pilot also controlled the aircraft's direction and balance. Those features helped begin practical aviation.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 Which sentence gives the date and place of the first flight?

2 Name two words or phrases in paragraph 2 that help the reader follow the order of events.

3 What two measurements make the description of the first flight precise?

4 How does paragraph 3 show that the 1903 flights mattered after that day?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Write a 70-90-word factual historical account of the completion of the transcontinental railroad. Use all three facts: May 10, 1869, Promontory Summit, Utah, and the Central Pacific and Union Pacific rails were joined. Include at least two time or order words.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline words or phrases that show when events happen or what happens next. Circle two precise facts that make the account clear and accurate. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which sentence gives the date and place of the first flight?	"Early on December 17, 1903, wind swept across the sand dunes near Kitty Hawk, North Carolina."
2	Name two words or phrases in paragraph 2 that help the reader follow the order of events.	Answers include "After each attempt," "second flight," "third," "During the fourth flight," and "then."
3	What two measurements make the description of the first flight precise?	The Flyer stayed in the air for 12 seconds and traveled 120 feet.
4	How does paragraph 3 show that the 1903 flights mattered after that day?	The brothers improved their designs and gave public demonstrations in 1908. The Flyer's controlled, powered flight helped begin practical aviation.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

On May 10, 1869, workers and visitors gathered at Promontory Summit, Utah. Crews from the Central Pacific Railroad and the Union Pacific Railroad had built track toward the same meeting point. First, officials prepared the final connection between the rails. Then the two rail lines were joined, marking a continuous railroad across the United States. The moment ended years of construction across difficult land. Afterward, trains could carry people and goods between the eastern rail network and the Pacific coast.

Accept any accurate response that identifies the passage details requested. For the open response, check for 70-90 words, all three required facts, and at least two clear time or order words.