



The Wright Brothers



Orville and Wilbur Wright were born in America over 120 years ago.



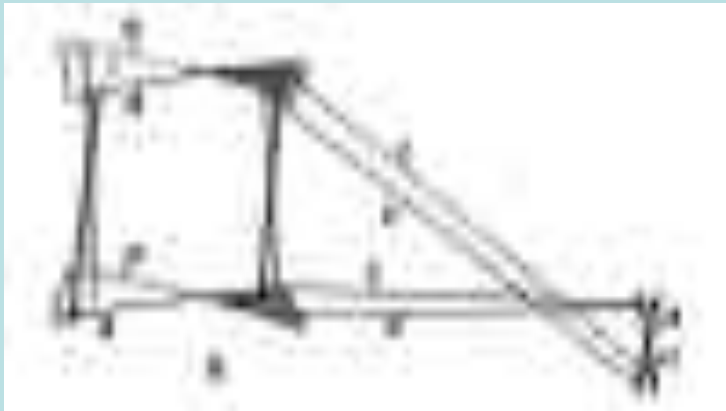
Their father bought them a toy helicopter when they were boys. They were fascinated by it.

The boys started a bicycle repair business.



Soon they were building, repairing and selling bikes

They began to wonder about people being able to fly. Could a pilot balance an aircraft in the air, just as a cyclist balances his bicycle on the road?



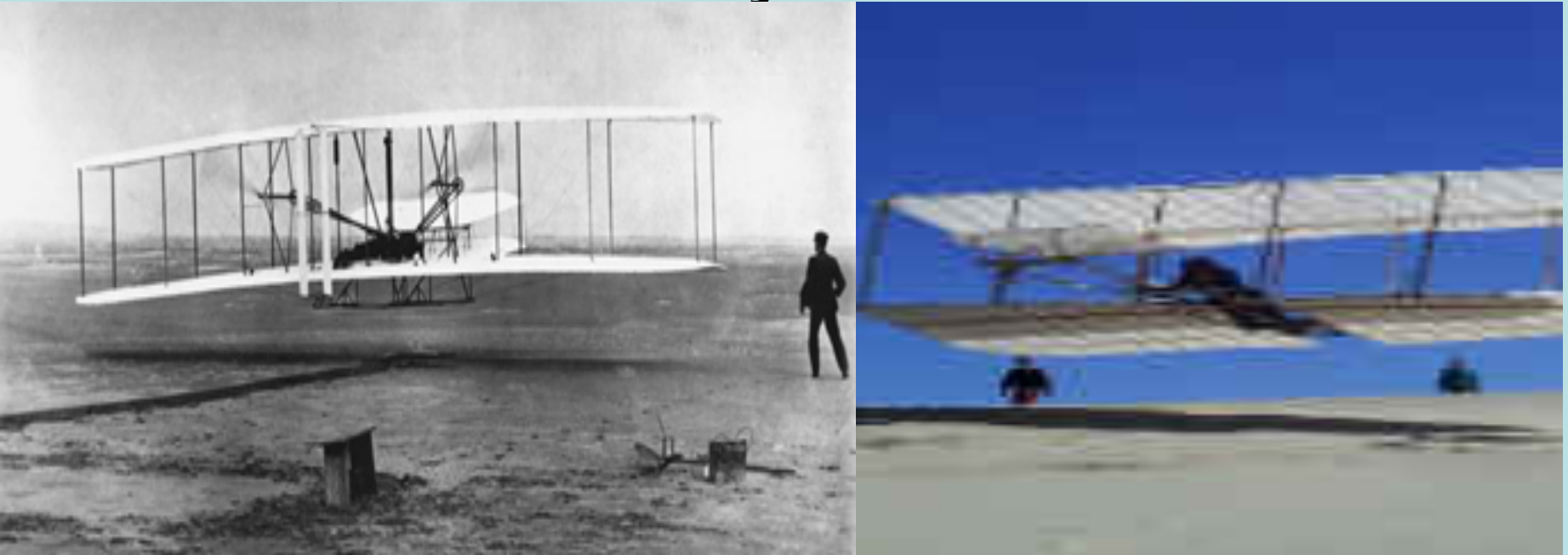
This was their first test kite.

They built and tested many
gliders before



they were successful.

On 17th December 1903 at
KittyHawk



the Wright Brothers first powered
aircraft made four short flights.



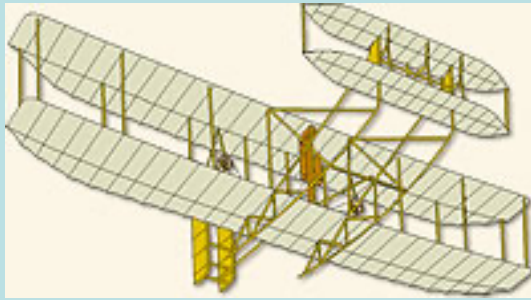
They used
this stopwatch to time
the flights

The first lasted for 12 seconds and travelled 120 feet.

The second was also 12 seconds but 175 feet.

The third lasted for 15 seconds and went 200 feet.

The final flight went 852 feet in 59 seconds.



Orville and Wilber went onto build planes in their own factory.

