**Read the text about exhibition ﬂights in America and answer the questions below.**

Those Daring Young Men

Exhibition ﬂight started with the very beginning of ﬂight. Flying for entertainment, prizes, or just for joy is a different dimension of ﬂight than general aviation, military ﬂying, or test ﬂying.

Early exhibition ﬂights were connected with ballooning. The ﬁrst free balloon ascension of the Montgolﬁer brothers in Paris was in fact an exhibition ﬂight.

Early in 1910 the Wright brothers formed an exhibition team that made its debut in Indianapolis, US. Two of the most famous pilots on this team were Arch Hoxsey and Ralph Johnstone, The Heavenly Twins. Their famous aerobatic duels thrilled spectators until they were killed within a month of each other late in 1910.

A man called Glenn Curtis also formed an exhibition team, which included Eugene Ely and Beckwith Havens, as well as the legendary Lincoln Beachey. The rivalry between the two teams generated interest throughout the US and even abroad. Lincoln Beachey became the most famous exhibition flyer of those early years. After training with the Curtis team, he made his ﬁrst exhibition tour in early 1911. He soon developed the techniques that were to make him famous. His complete lack of fear, coupled with his great ﬂying skill and showman’s talents, allowed him to do things in an airplane that had been believed impossible. He was the ﬁrst American to do a loop and the ﬁrst to ﬂy upside down. He often ﬂew in front of the crowd at minimum altitude with both hands off the controls. He usually concluded his act by performing his death dip, which was diving vertically from about 5,000 feet, pulling out at the last possible second, and landing right in front of the grandstand.

On one occasion, he ﬂew over Niagara Falls, down into the gorge, and under the bridge. He also raced his airplane against cars driven by the best drivers of that time. In one year Beachey performed 1,000 loops before 17 million people in 126 cities. Beachey was killed in 1915 when the wings fell from his new monoplane while he was performing a vertical-S over San Francisco Bay.

1. Exhibition ﬂight developed much later than test flying. **T F**

2. Balloon ﬂights preceded plane exhibitions. **T F**

3. Exhibition flying has its beginnings in France. **T F**

4. One of the earliest American airplane exhibition flights occurred in 1910. **T F**

5. Pilots A. Hoxsey and R. Johnstone were known under the nickname \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

6. Hoxsey and Johnstone died on the same day. **T F**

7. The ﬁrst American to ﬂy upside down was W. Wright. **T F**

8. The ‘Death dip' involved ﬂying upside down under a bridge. **T F**

9. Beachey liked to show off. **T F**

10. Beachey was killed when his plane developed engine troubles **T F**