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The actions of leaders in the past can teach important character lessons for today, or for the future. Read the story about the Great Depression and President Franklin D. Roosevelt. In the spaces below, write out three character traits shown by President Roosevelt or the nation.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Finish by picking one of these character traits from above that you have shown in your life. On a separate sheet of paper, write a paragraph explaining how and why it helped you or other people.

'Nothing to Fear but Fear Itself'

If your grandparents remember the Great Depression, they were probably children at the time. So some of their earliest memories may be of Dad or their friends' dads being out of work. Or of not being able to afford many things we take for granted today. Or of moving from a home or a farm because the family couldn't pay the rent or mortgage.

Unlike later national disasters, the Great Depression didn't just happen with a single event.

The Stock Market "crash" of October 1929 certainly was a major factor, but most Americans were barely aware of the Stock Market at that time, let alone of how it might affect their lives. They became aware only gradually that those were "hard times."

The Great Depression affected every American, however. Factories and businesses were forced to shut down, throwing thousands and thousands of people out of work. Money was so tight that people bought less, which forced more businesses to fold, throwing more people out of work.

There seemed no end in sight. But the Great Depression did eventually end. Franklin D. Roosevelt was elected president, taking office and telling Americans there was "nothing to fear but fear itself."

To fight the Depression, President Roosevelt set up programs to prevent bank failures, create jobs and strengthen the stock market. Social Security was established to help older citizens, along with other government programs designed to provide a "safety net" for people in need.

Historians still debate whether it was Roosevelt's measures or the war manufacturing of World War II that ended the Great Depression. Maybe it was a combination of the two.

But another reason was certainly the faith Americans placed in our institutions and government.

How Americans dealt with the Great Depression set us apart from other nations.

In many other countries, people turned in desperation to extremist political leaders, who limited individual freedoms. Fascism and communism thrived abroad, leading to terrible results in Hitler's Germany and Mussolini's Italy.

Most Americans knew that economic recovery did not depend on restricting our freedoms or turning on each other.

Americans defeated the Great Depression just as they have met every other challenge—by sticking together and fighting to protect our free society.

Soup kitchens helped the needy during the Great Depression.



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ONE

President Franklin D. Roosevelt believed strongly in using the powers of the government to help people. Find a story in the e-Edition about ways the government has been involved in people's lives in the last year. Write a short paragraph describing the government's actions.

TWO

When President Roosevelt said "there is nothing to fear but fear itself" he was talking about a powerful human emotion. In recent years many people have worked to help Americans deal with their emotions. Find an example of emotions in the news or ads in the e-Edition. Describe what emotion is involved and why people may need help dealing with it.

THREE

As recent history has unfolded, Americans have felt many emotions. Search the e-Edition for words that express different emotions. List them on a sheet of paper. Then use them to write a poem called "Emotions."

Read the story about the Wright Brothers. In the spaces below, write out three character traits shown by Wilbur and Orville Wright in developing the first motorized airplane.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Finish by picking one of these character traits that you have shown in your life. Write a paragraph explaining how and why it helped you or other people.

The Wright Brothers famous airplane is on display at the Smithsonian in Washington, D.C.

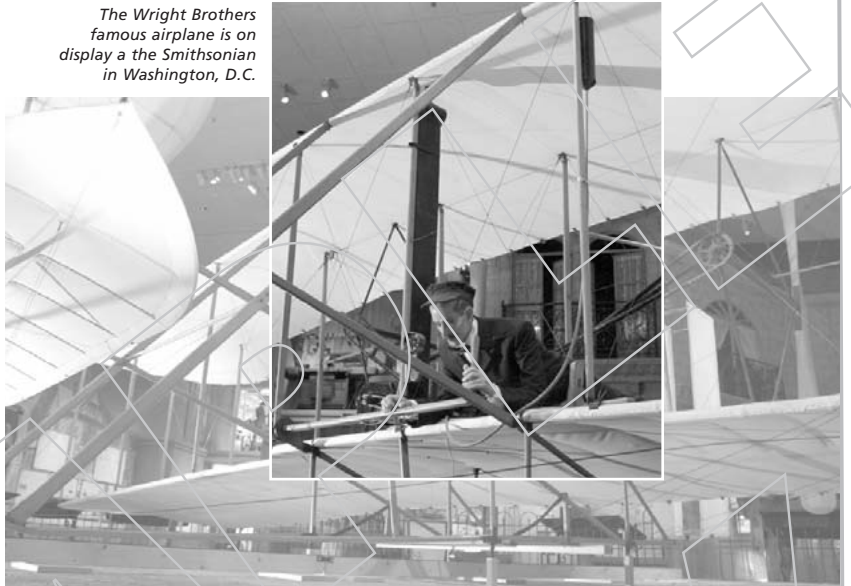


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Wright Brothers

Sent the World Soaring

The next time you talk on a cell phone, thank the Wright Brothers. The next time you fly to your grandmother's, or watch a space shuttle take off, thank the Wright Brothers.

Just over 100 years ago, in just 12 seconds, Wilbur and Orville Wright made all these things possible—and much, much more. On December 17, 1903, the Wright Brothers' homemade airplane successfully made the first motorized flight, and changed the course of history.

With Orville at the controls, the brothers' Wright Flyer lifted off the beach at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, and traveled 120 feet through the air.

Then, to prove it was more than luck, the Wrights made three more successful flights on the very same day.

None of the four flights at Kitty Hawk lasted more than a minute (the longest was 59 seconds). And the farthest any traveled was 852 feet (less than three football fields).

Yet by powering an aircraft off the ground, the Wright Brothers paved the way for everything from jet travel to cell-phone satellites to probes into deep space.

"The invention of the airplane was the fundamental turning point in our history," declared the U.S. Centennial of Flight commission, as it prepared for the

100th anniversary of the Kitty Hawk milestone.

From the earliest times, humans longed to fly like the birds. It was not until hot-air balloons and glider aircraft in the 1700s and 1800s that people actually were able to stay aloft for sustained periods of time.

When the Wright Brothers figured how to add a motor to gliders, they gave us propeller aircraft that could move people and cargo around the world.

As years passed, propeller flights gave way to jets. Then jets led science to rockets, which led to today's space probes traveling far into the universe.

To get their plane to fly, the Wright Brothers made key changes to wings, propellers and engines that others had designed.

But their most important breakthrough was figuring out how to control their Flyer so it wouldn't crash.

Wilbur Wright found the answer by watching pigeons.

Seeing the birds fly, he noticed that they steered themselves by dropping one wing and raising the other to create smooth, "banking" turns.

The Wright Brothers used this idea to create an effective steering system for their own plane.

This breakthrough not only kept the Wright Flyer aloft at Kitty Hawk, it sent the science of flight soaring.

ONE

The airplane that the Wright Brothers flew was a simple craft—an open biplane powered by a propeller. Almost immediately people started working to improve the design. Find a transportation product in today's e-Edition. Think about how it works. Then make a prediction of what will be the next "improvement" to the product. What character traits do inventors need to create or improve an invention?

TWO

To make flight history, the Wright Brothers had to overcome the pull of gravity from the Earth. Gravity affects all activities on the planet. In teams or alone search today's e-Edition for 10 examples of gravity at work in different activities. List them on a sheet of paper and write out how gravity works in each.



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