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GRETA THUNBERG

WHO TOLD THE WORLD ABOUT THE DANGERS OF GLOBAL WARMING

Human beings are capable of causing major change to the planet's climate. When teenager Greta Thunberg discovered this, she was distraught. She thought it was terrible that governments were not taking the issue seriously, so she decided to do something about





it. She started a school strike. Every morning she would ride her bike to the Swedish Parliament and sit down in front of the building to protest. Her message was simple.

If the ‘grown-ups’ weren’t interested in the future of the planet, Greta would do something about it herself.

For the first few days Greta sat there alone, holding her sign. Then, over time, more and more people began to sit next to her. The number grew from a few dozen to hundreds, then thousands, then millions all over the world.



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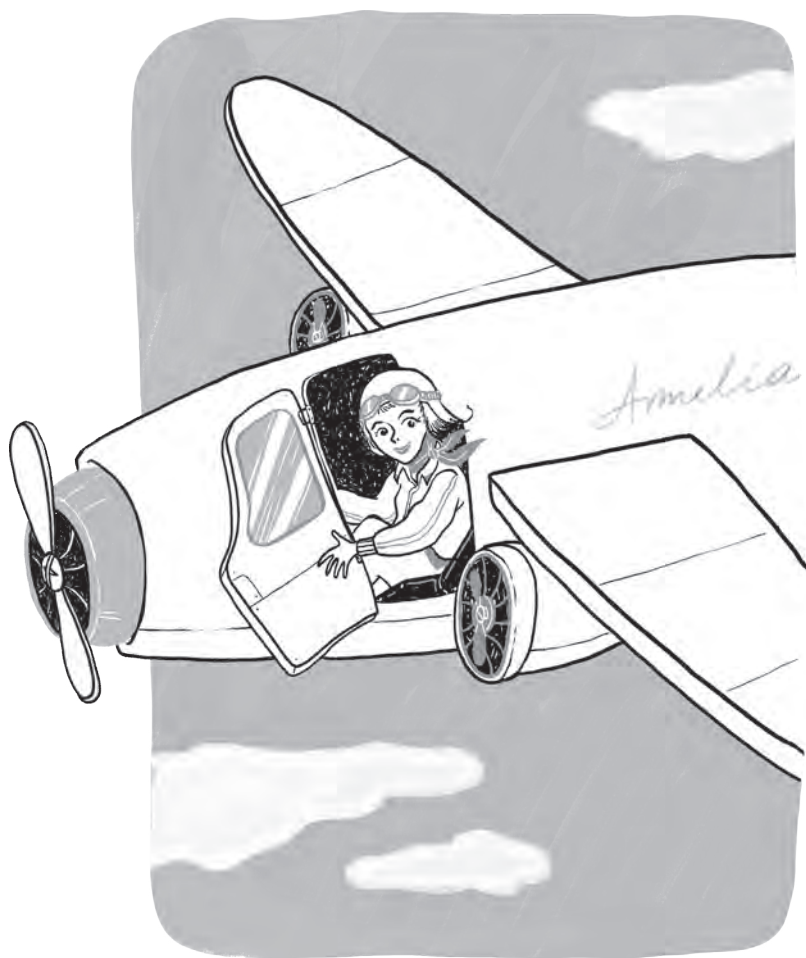
AMELIA EARHART

WHO REFUSED TO BE JUST A PASSENGER

Driven by a strong passion for flying, Amelia Earhart was the first woman to pilot an aircraft across the Atlantic Ocean. She made her first crossing in 1928 as a passenger. However, she wasn't satisfied with just sitting in the back seat, so she spent the next two years planning a second trip. In 1932 Amelia flew again, this time by herself, at the controls of her own small aeroplane.



It was a successful flight and Amelia made aviation history.



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ALICE DUNNIGAN AND JOHN F. KENNEDY

THE REPORTER AND THE PRESIDENT



Alice Dunnigan was an African-American woman born in 1906. She worked as a journalist, which she could have considered a huge personal victory, but she went further. In 1948 she became the first reporter of colour to receive accreditation by the White House to cover politics: a task she took on bravely while subjected to many humiliations. She was not allowed to interview the President and could only listen to other reporters' questions. She was often mistaken for the wife of a visitor, or even one of the maids. However, when John F. Kennedy became President of the United States in 1961, Alice Dunnigan was finally given the respect she deserved: President Kennedy allowed her to do her job. He listened to her questions and answered them.



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ROSA PARKS

WHO REFUSED TO GIVE UP HER SEAT

In Alabama in 1955, a very strict law kept African Americans separated from the rest of the population. They had different schools, different hospitals, different water fountains to drink from in parks, and different seats



on buses. One day Rosa Parks, an African-American seamstress who was on her way home after a long day's work, became tired of all the injustice and decided that the colour of her skin should not determine where she could sit on the bus. When she was told to give up her seat to a white passenger who had got on after her, Rosa did not get up but remained seated. She was arrested. This started a long legal battle that led to the abolition of all those unjust laws.



Sometimes the courage of just one person is enough to change things.

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NELSON MANDELA

WHO SHATTERED APARTHEID
IN SOUTH AFRICA

Life imprisonment – this was the sentence handed down to Nelson Mandela, a South African politician who dreamed of a society in which the colour of a person's skin did not decide their destiny. It was 1964, and South Africa had harsh, restrictive laws that upheld the **apartheid** system.



For 27 years from his prison cell, Nelson Mandela continued to inspire people with his ideas, leading the campaign for a more just South Africa.

'I have cherished the ideal of a democratic and free society in which all persons live together in harmony and with equal opportunities,' he told the judge who sentenced him.



He remained faithful to his ideal even after he was released, and in 1994 was elected the first black president of South Africa.



Apartheid was a system of regulations and laws based on racial segregation, which kept whites and blacks separated.



Who was the first woman
to fly across the Atlantic?

How did a gardener fight
for the rights of Indigenous
Australians?

What did Martin Luther King Jr
say to huge crowds protesting
against racism in America?

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followed their passions, dared to be brave
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