

# SENSATIONAL SCIENTISTS – THE WRIGHT BROTHERS

**Q1.** In what period of history were the Wright brothers born? (Not the date!)

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**Q2.** How old were they when they became interested in 'flight'?

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**Q3.** What does the word 'scraps' mean?

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**Q4.** Complete the grid below using information from the whole text. Either write a question or an answer depending on which section is missing. The first one has been done for you.

Question	Answer
How old were the Wright brothers when they owned a bicycle shop?	In their 20s.
What tragedy happened in 1912?	
	A piece of wood and fabric from the Wright Flyer.
Their patent was finally granted in which year?	
	Up to 200.
Where was the Wright Flyer tested?	

**Q5.** What do you think the word 'championing' means in the final paragraph?

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**Q6.** Why were the Wright brothers classed as celebrities? Give your answer using evidence from the text.

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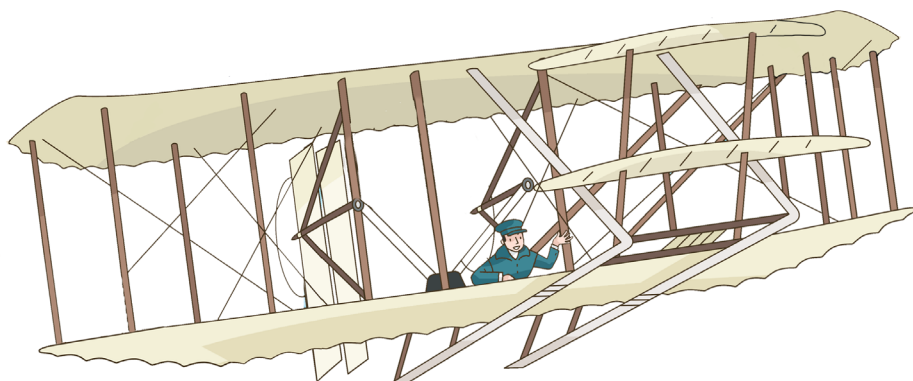
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**Q7.** Which phrase in the text means experimenting and trying things out for themselves? Look in the section about when they were in their 20s.

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**Q8.** Using evidence from the text, in your opinion what helped to make the brothers so successful? Find **two** reasons.

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**Q9.** What is the main material used to build aircraft today?

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**Q10.** Why didn't it matter that the plane flew only 260 metres? Use evidence from the text to explain your answer.

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