



The Beechcraft Model 18, introduced in 1937, quickly became a symbol of versatility in the aviation industry. Used during World War II as a transport and trainer, its rugged design made it a favorite for both military and civilian use. Over 9,000 units were produced until 1970, serving as everything from passenger aircraft to cargo planes and bush planes. Even today, the "Twin Beech" remains a beloved and enduring icon in aviation history. Many Model 18s are still serving in various fields, including aerial surveying, agriculture, and freight operations. With a similar appearance to the Lockheed Electra 10, the Twin Beech has often been used as a stand-in for the famous Electra, which Amelia Earhart used on her 1937 world flight attempt, in TV shows and movies where an actual Electra could not be found.

KANSAS CONNECTION



Amelia Earhart's pioneering achievements and the rise of Wichita as the "Air Capital of the World" in the early twentieth century are integral to understanding the significance of aviation.

This flight aims to, in addition to honoring the enduring legacy of a Kansas native, highlight Wichita, a longtime hub for aircraft manufacturing and aviation innovation. This commemorative flight will carry the torch forward, not only remembering the past but carrying Kansas's aviation heritage into the future. It's a flight that echoes the legacy of Amelia Earhart – one that started in Kansas, soared across the world, and continues to inspire those who dare to take flight.

Educational Curriculum

1. Amelia Earhart

Unit 1 delves into the life, legacy, and accomplishments of one of aviation's most iconic figures. This first unit will inspire students to reflect on Earhart's legacy and how they can become the pilot-in-command of their journey.

2. Technology (1937-2027)

Compares aviation technology from 1937 to 2027, providing students with a comprehensive overview of the remarkable advancements in flight over the past 90 years.

3. Physics & History of Flight

Explores both the physics and history of flight, providing students with a comprehensive understanding of how and why we fly. The unit covers the fundamental principles of flight, explaining how these forces interact to enable flight. Students will also examine the contributions of early pioneers, such as the Wright brothers, and how their innovations laid the groundwork for modern aviation.

4. World Geography

Dive into world geography, learning about the culture, history, etc. of various countries visited by both Earhart's 1937 flight and World Flight 2027. Students will gain a deeper understanding of not only world geography but also its people, and in doing so, hopefully decrease the spread of cultural ignorance.

5. World Flight '37 & '27

World Flight 1937 v. 2027 will have students comparing both flights, following along and interacting with World Flight 2027!

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1937 - 2027



Route

WORLD FLIGHT



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Topeka
Wichita
Oakland
Burbank

Tucson
New Orleans
Miami
San Juan
Paramaribo

Fortaleza
Natal
Dakar
Accra
Libreville

Dar es Salaam
Seychelles
Mumbai
Kolkata
Sittwe

Rangoon	Koepang	Honolulu
Bangkok	Darwin	Oakland
Singapore	Lae	
Bandoeng	Tarawa	
Surabaya	Kiritimati	