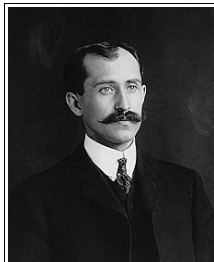


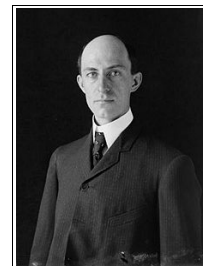
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(1871 - 1948) (1867 - 1912)



The Brothers **Orville and Wilbur Wright** made the first controlled, powered and sustained heavier-than-air flight, on 17<sup>th</sup> December 1903. They were not the first to build and fly aircraft, but they invented the controls that were necessary for a pilot to steer the aircraft, which made fixed wing powered flight possible. **The Early History of the Airplane** consists of three short essays about the beginnings of human flight.

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