

# WILLBUR AND ORVILLE WRIGHT

## PIONEERS OF THE FIRST HEAVIER-THAN-AIR FLIGHT

### THEIR CURIOSITY LED THEM TO DISCOVER NEW SOLUTIONS



The Wright Brothers were raised to pursue their intellectual interests, and did just that. In their early years, the two brothers were well known for their ingenuity in creating printing presses and bicycles, which sparked their passion for mechanical sciences.

When the Wright Brothers entered the world of aviation, many people in the field struggled with controlling their planes. All of the engineers were experimenting with inherent control; however, through many experiments, the Wright brothers discovered that complete control of the plane would be the better option.

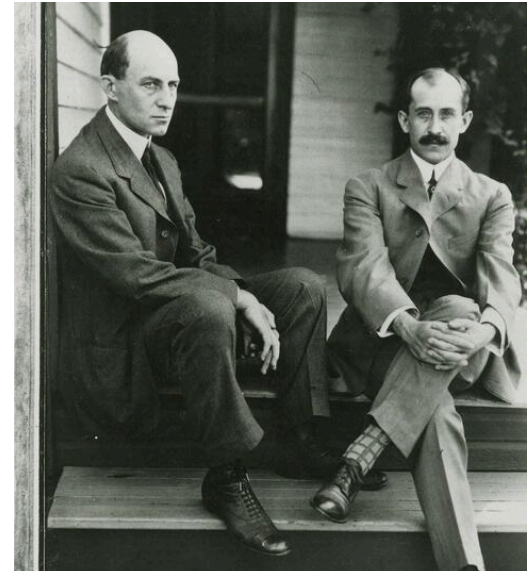
Through similar curiosity, they dealt with the problems of lift and thrust that nobody else could seem to master. Thus, they took flight in the first, sustained, controlled, heavier-than-air plane.

### THEY COOPERATED LIKE NO OTHERS

The success of the brothers was heavily dependent on their teamwork. Throughout all of their ups and downs, successes and failures, the two brothers went through them together.

When taking on challenges, the brothers differed in their means of approaching a situation. Despite both being geniuses in the field of aviation, their cooperation to solve a problem is what led them to draw results. Wilbur was an analytical thinker, whereas Orville took a more hands-on approach, complementing each other's personalities perfectly.

The collaboration between the Wright Brothers is commendable, being recognized throughout history as a pair of geniuses, rather than as individuals. It is this group effort in solving problems that allowed the two to accomplish a mutual goal and take flight.



**"If birds can glide for long periods of time, then... why can't I?" - Orville Wright**

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