



READING
TOGETHER

Taking Flight: The Story of Bessie Coleman

Use these simple activities to have fun reading together!

Talk About Perseverance

Bessie Coleman overcame many obstacles in her life. For instance, she wasn't allowed into American flight schools because she was a Black woman. Also, she lost her plane in a crash in 1923 and was badly hurt but continued to fly after she recovered. Talk with your child about these details and the importance of perseverance. Share examples of times when you and your child overcame an obstacle through perseverance.

Examine a Picture

Look together at the picture on page 6 of the book. Talk about the details in this picture. These are some questions you can discuss with your child:

- Why are there two pictures of Bessie on this page?
- What do Bessie's facial expressions tell us about how she feels?
- What details on this page tell us that this event happened many years ago?

Find Answers to Questions

Ask your child what more they would like to know about Bessie Coleman. Then help your child find this information by searching online or visiting a library. Explain that there are many ways to find answers to our questions.



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