**Orville Wright: Question & Answer Packet /5th**

**Chapter One**

1. How high above ground were the men flying before the Flyer began having trouble? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2. What was the first sign that something was wrong with the Flyer? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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3. Imagine that you are Orville and the Flyer is about to crash, possibly ending your life. Write about what you think would be going through your mind at that moment. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Chapter Two**

1. What item first made Orville and Wilbur interested in flight?

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2. Why was Orville excited about the Wright family’s move to Richmond, Virginia? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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3. Orville and Wilbur were very curious boys and didn’t let their age stop them from investigating and building all kinds of things. Think of something you would like to invent. Explain how you would investigate and build it and what it would be used for. (in complete sentences) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Chapter Three**

1. What were the two businesses that Orville and Wilbur started in Dayton? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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2. Why was the “safety bike” easier to ride than the “ordinary bike” of that time? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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3.Katharine Wright was over a month late for classes at Oberlin College because she had been taking care of Orville. Write about an experience that you had to sacrifice something important to you for the good of another person or a greater cause. (in complete sentences) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Chapter Four**

1. To whom did Wilbur write to get more information about aviation? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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2. How did Wilbur come up with an idea for solving the wing control problem? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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3. What were the four areas that Orville and Wilbur determined they needed to examine in order to solve the problem of human flight? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Chapter Five**

1. Why didn’t the brothers want to test the glider in Dayton?

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2. List the three reasons why the Outer Banks looked like the most promising location for the glider test?

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3. William and Addie Tate were very hospitable to Wilbur and provided many things that made his work easier. Why do you think they were so kind to him? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Chapter Six**

1. How did Orville find Wilbur once he arrived in Kitty Hawk?

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2. The Outer Banks area was known as the “Graveyard of the Atlantic”. List three reasons why so many ships wrecked in that area. 1.) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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3. The chapter ends with the glider being slammed into the ground and wrecked by a gust of wind. Do you think that Orville and Wilbur should go home now or stay at Kitty Hawk for a few more weeks? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Why? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Chapter Seven**

1. What kept the brothers from flying the glider immediately after it was repaired? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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2. Why did Orville and Wilbur leave the glider behind at Kill Devil Hills? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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3. Why didn’t the brothers go home immediately after finding out that Katharine had fired Harry Dillon from the bicycle shop?

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**Chapter Eight**

1. Why did the brothers decide to build a shed to house the glider at Kill Devil Hills? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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2. At the beginning of the chapter, Wilbur announces, “I have devised an experiment to test for an answer to our dilemma.” What was the dilemma that he was hoping to solve by completing the experiment? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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3. What changes did the brothers make to the glider after Wilbur’s experiments? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Chapter Nine**

1. After Orville’s crash, what adjustments did the brothers make to the glider? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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2. Why was Wilbur hesitant to speak to the Western Society of Engineers in Chicago? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Chapter Ten**

1. When they arrived back in Dayton, what three areas of the airplane did Orville and Wilbur decide to concentrate on? \_\_\_\_

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2. Why were the brothers’ patent applications rejected? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. How has the way humans use flight changed since the 1800’s? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Chapter Eleven**

1. What historic event happened on December 17,1903? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. What caused Orville to be encouraged on his train ride back to Elizabeth City, North Carolina? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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3. Why did the men move the Flyer to flat ground for the second flight attempt? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Chapter Twelve**

1. How did the brothers get the flyer off the ground despite the low wind speeds at Huffman’s Prairie? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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2. Why did Orville and Wilbur begin looking for a place to fly closer to home? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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3. The public display of the 1904 Flyer turned out to be a failure, but the Wrights were not disappointed. Why not? \_\_\_\_

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**Chapter Thirteen**

1. Why did the brothers offer the Flyer for sale to England and France? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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2. Why did many people think that the brothers were tricksters? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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3. Why were the brothers excited about the opportunity to work with Charles Flint? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Chapter Fourteen**

1. Who was the Flyer’s first passenger? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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2. During their time in France, what were the honors that the brothers won? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Which important people came to see them fly? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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3. News of Lieutenant Thomas Selfridge’s death was a bitter blow to Orville. Do you think Orville had reason to feel guilty or responsible for the death? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Chapter Fifteen**

1. Why didn’t President Taft think he would make a good flying passenger? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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2. Why did Orville and Wilbur decide that they needed to train more pilots? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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3. Why did President Taft think it was appropriate that the inventors of the airplane were Americans? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Chapter Sixteen**

1. What important committee was Orville asked to join? \_\_\_\_\_\_

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2. Why was Orville relieved when he returned to West Dayton after the flood? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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3. Why did the 1903 Flyer go to the Science Museum in London rather than the Smithsonian? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Chapter Seventeen**

1. What happened to the Wright’s old house? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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2. Orville did not lose his curious and inventive nature, even in his old age. What event from this chapter illustrates this? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Although Orville continued to receive numerous accolades, his later years were difficult. Why? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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