

San Diego Air and Space Museum
International Air and Space Hall of Fame
Bessie Coleman

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[San Diego Air & Space Museum - Historical Balboa Park, San Diego](#)

Answer the following questions from the exhibit reading as well as the video presentation. You may use your own headphones if you so choose, or, will use the headphones available in class so as not to bug your neighbor. You may pause the video, go back or re-watch as many times needed to complete the assignment. Make sure you use complete sentences when answering the last prompt about her two aerial accomplishments.

Fill in the blanks below from the exhibit reading.

Bessie was the ___**first**___ African-American woman to earn a pilot's license. In 1916, Coleman moved to Chicago to join her brothers and worked as a ___**manicurist**___

She met many former ___**World War I**___ pilots in her work, developing an ambition to ___**fly**___

There were no opportunities for an African-American woman to learn to fly in America, so she learned French, travelled to Paris, and earned her ___**pilot's**___ license in 1921.

Coleman toured America, organizing exhibition flights and speaking in churches and ___**schools**___ about the potential of flight and her race. She "wowed" audiences with ___**daring**___ stunts, climbing above the clouds, shutting her ___**engine**___ down, and then diving to within a few feet above the ground, while also performing barrel rolls, figure ___**eights**___ and loops.



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On April 30th, 1926 in Jacksonville Florida, her plane unexpectedly ___**spun**___ and Bessie fell from about ___**2,000**___ feet, ending her dream of establishing a school for young black aviators. Bessie was inducted in ___**2014**___

Watch the induction video and answer the questions below (please use headphones).

Bessie is considered one of our first true aerial ___**dare devils**___ Risk taking was in her ___**DNA**___

She was known across the country as ___**Queen**___ Bess, Miss Bessie Coleman. When Bessie was in school, she excelled in math and was also an avid ___**reader**___

Bessie trained in ___**Paris, France**___ to receive her pilot's license, two years before ___**Amelia Earhart**___

Describe **two of her aerial accomplishments.**

Answers will vary