Historical Event Cloze Exercise

Name: _____ Date: _____

Instructions: Read the passage carefully and fill in each blank with an appropriate word from the word bank below. Use context clues to help you choose the correct words.

Word Bank:
aircraft • control • beach • brothers • powerful • seconds • dream • technology • history • flight • engine • wind • courage • distance • successful

The Wright Brothers' First Flight

On December 17, 1903, two American _____ named Orville and Wilbur Wright made _____ at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina. They had been working for years to achieve their _____ of powered flight.

The Wright Brothers chose Kitty Hawk because of its strong, steady _____ and soft sandy _____. These conditions were perfect for testing their experimental _____. They had spent countless hours studying birds and developing the _____ needed for their invention.

Their aircraft, called the Wright Flyer, was equipped with a lightweight _____ that they had designed and built themselves. The most important innovation was their system of _____, which allowed the pilot to steer the aircraft effectively.

Orville made the first attempt, flying for just 12 _____ and covering a _____ of only 36 metres. However, this brief moment changed _____ forever. By the end of that day, they had made four flights, with the longest lasting 59 seconds.

The Wright Brothers' _____ and determination proved that powered _____ was possible. Their achievement opened the door to modern aviation and transformed the way people travel around the world.

Challenge: After completing the passage, write one sentence explaining why you think the Wright Brothers' achievement was important.

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