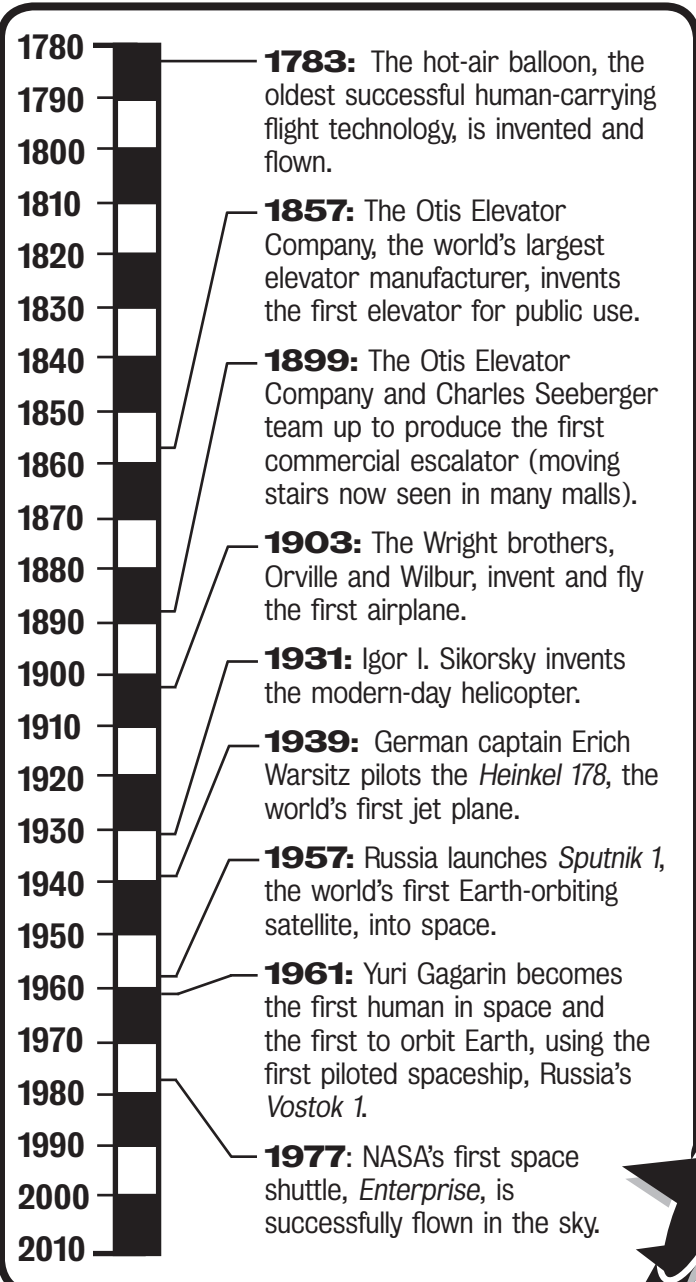


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Inventions Take Flight

In this week's *Scholastic News*, you read about a project to design a space elevator. For more than 200 years, inventors have been creating things that lift, fly, and blast off into the sky. Some of those inventions are used for transportation, others for exploration. This timeline shows some of those inventions. Use the timeline to answer the questions.



1. About how long ago was the hot-air balloon invented?

2. What went up first, the elevator or the escalator? What do the two things have in common?

3. How long have humans been able to fly in airplanes?

4. How are helicopters different from airplanes?

5. If you could invent something that flies, what would it be and why would you invent it?



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