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Famous Firsts Web Hunt

As you learned in the play in this issue of *Scope*, in 1932, Amelia Earhart became the first woman ever to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean. Many other women have also had famous firsts. Brush up your Internet research skills, and find the answers to the questions below to discover more women's accomplishments in history.

1. a. Who was the first woman to become a medical doctor in the United States?

b. In what year did she receive her medical degree? _____

c. From what college did she receive it? _____

(Hint: Go to <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/hmd/blackwell/index.html>)

2. a. This trailblazer was the first woman to serve in Congress. Who was she?

b. In what year was she elected? _____

c. From what state? _____

(Hint: Go to http://www.gale.cengage.com/free_resources/whm/bio/rankin_j.htm)

3. a. In 1931, she was the first woman to receive a Nobel Peace Prize. Who was she?

b. What was her profession? _____

c. What was her major accomplishment? _____

(Hint: Go to http://nobelprize.org/nobel_prizes/peace/laureates/1931/addams-bio.html)

4. a. This woman was the first African-American (male or female) to win the single's tennis competition at Wimbledon. What was her name? _____

b. The next year, she won both Wimbledon and _____.

c. Aside from tennis, what is another accomplishment she made? _____

(Hint: Go to <http://espn.go.com/sportscentury/features/00014035.html>)

5. a. Who was the first woman to serve as a U.S. Supreme Court Justice?

b. In what year was she appointed? _____

c. What was one position she held before joining the Supreme Court? _____

(Hint: Go to <http://www.greatwomen.org/women.php?action=viewone&id=115>)

WRITE NOW!

Choose one of the women you discovered here and learn more about her. On a separate sheet of paper, write one paragraph about an interesting aspect of the woman's life or achievements and why you think it's interesting. Find at least two other Web sites to support your research, and list them at the end of your paragraph.