The measure of an aircraft’s speed relative to the speed of sound
jets can hold over 300 passengers and weigh over 300,000 pounds
In 1947, Chuck Yeager became the first person to break the barrier
The Antonov An-225 Mriya is second only to the Goose in size
The first manned flight preceded the Wright Brothers by 120 years
In July 1909, Louis Bleriot became the first to cross the Channel
Many of the first jet powered aircraft were developed in wartime
Early balloon flights inspired the development of-than-air craft
Wright piloted the first successful manned flight in 1903
Amelia Earhart crossed the Atlantic, and in 1937 disappeared in the
__ was the first aircraft to fly around the world nonstop, without refueling
In March 2004, NASA's X-43A was the first to pass Mach 7
In 1963, X-15 pilot Joseph Walker set an unofficial record of 67 miles
The brought the world over 27 years of Mach 2 commercial flight
London’s airport serves over 44 million passengers annually
The U2 spyplane was designed to fly high enough to avoid
Credited with 80 kills, the is known as the ace of aces
Igor developed the first successful helicopters in the 1930s and 40s
In 1947, the Spruce Goose flew with a of nearly twice a 747
Classified for many years, the SR-71 could cruise at Mach 3
Jimmy, air racer of the 20s and 30s, led the WWII raid on Tokyo
Charles flew solo from New York to Paris in 1927
Air Force One is the callsign of any airplane carrying the
The was an innovation that allowed fixed-wing aircraft to fly faster
The Boeing Company and Airbus produce most of the world’s jets
Ross Perot, Jr. and Jay Coburn first circled the globe in a in 1982
The Wright Brothers’ could have taken place inside a Boeing 747
by daredevil pilots popularized flying in the 1920s and 30s