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# Topic Thinking

## Comprehension Activities



■ Challenge Readers: 300 - 600 Total Words

# Choose to Dare

# **1. Gertrude (Trudy) Ederle: Swimming the English Channel**

## E. Sharing Your Opinion

Choose one sentence beginning and note the main point you would make to support your view.

1. In my opinion, Trudy Ederle is one of the greatest swimmers of all time because...
2. The amazing thing about Trudy Ederle's achievement was...
3. Trudy Ederle is inspiring because...

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## F. Speculating and Contemplating

There are no right or wrong answers, but, based on what you have learned from reading about Trudy Ederle, choose 1–2 questions and note your ideas.

1. What do you think motivates people to swim long distances?
2. What things do you think would make it easier for swimmers to complete a swim across the English Channel today?  
What do you think would make it more difficult?
3. What do you think are the main dangers in completing long-distance swims like the one Trudy did?

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## **2. Lily Parr – Football Legend**

## E. Sharing Your Opinion

Choose one sentence beginning and note the main point you would make to support your view.

1. In my opinion, Lily Parr is one of the greatest footballers of all time because...
2. The thing that I admire most about Lily Parr's achievement is...
3. In my opinion, I think it would be harder/easier to be a footballer in Lily's time than today because...

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## F. Speculating and Contemplating

There are no right or wrong answers, but, based on what you have learned from reading about Lily Parr, choose 1–2 questions and note your ideas.

1. What would you have said at the time about the ban that stopped women playing on Football Association pitches?
2. What do you think are some of the differences between football as it was played in Lily's time and as it is played today?
3. What do you think it means to be named in the Football Hall of Fame?

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### **3. Maria Spelterini – Tightrope Walker of Niagara**



## E. Sharing Your Opinion

Choose one sentence beginning and note the main point you would make to support your view.

1. In my opinion, Maria Spelterini was truly daring because...
2. The things that I admire most about Maria Spelterini's achievements are...
3. Maria Spelterini deserves to be more widely known because...

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## F. Speculating and Contemplating

There are no right or wrong answers, but, based on what you have learned from reading about Maria Spelterini, choose 1–2 questions and note your ideas.

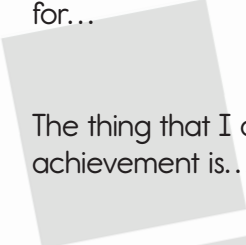
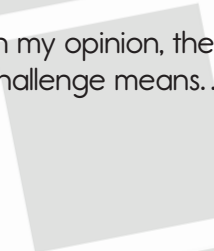

1. What do you think made Maria do such daring acts?
2. What do you think are the most important skills that a tightrope walker like Maria Spelterini needs?
3. If you were challenged to do something as daring as walking across Niagara Falls, how would you decide whether you would do it or not?

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## 4. Amelia Earhart – Queen of the Air

## E. Sharing Your Opinion

Choose one sentence beginning and note the main point you would make to support your view.

1. In my opinion, Amelia Earhart deserves to be remembered for...  

2. The thing that I admire most about Amelia Earhart's achievement is...  

3. In my opinion, the fact that Amelia Earhart died during her last challenge means...  


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## F. Speculating and Contemplating

There are no right or wrong answers, but, based on what you have learned from reading about Amelia Earhart, choose 1–2 questions and note your ideas.

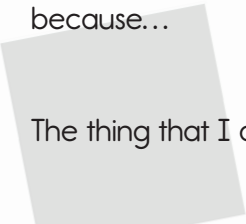
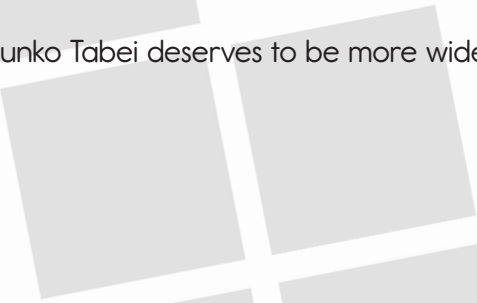

1. What do you think inspired Amelia to challenge herself?
2. What do you think are the main differences between modern aircraft and the planes that Amelia flew that make planes safer today?
3. What sort of records do you think pilots would be trying to set today?

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## **5. Junko Tabei – Free Spirit of the Mountains**

## E. Sharing Your Opinion

Choose one sentence beginning and note the main point you would make to support your view.

1. In my opinion, Junko Tabei's achievements are inspiring because...  

2. The thing that I admire most about Junko Tabei is...  

3. Junko Tabei deserves to be more widely known because...  


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## F. Speculating and Contemplating

There are no right or wrong answers, but, based on what you have learned from reading about Junko Tabei, choose 1–2 questions and note your ideas.

1. Would you ever be tempted to go to the Himalayas and climb Mount Everest? What would make you want to go? What would put you off going?
2. What do you think are the most important skills that a mountaineer like Junko Tabei needs?
3. What do you think can be done to make people more careful about the way they get rid of rubbish?

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