

# The Pilot and the Little Prince

## THE LIFE OF ANTOINE DE SAINT-EXUPÉRY

### A RIF GUIDE FOR PARENTS AND FAMILIES

**Themes:** Aviation, Perseverance, World Wars

**Book Brief:** This book tells the story of Antoine de Saint-Exupéry, author of the classic children's book *The Little Prince*. Look inside to learn about Antoine's incredible passion for flying, which lasted from the

young age of twelve through the end of his days.

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### TIME TO READ!

**Before reading, make predictions:** When do you think this story takes place? Why? Why do you think the title refers to the boy as the little prince? Have you ever

heard of the book *The Little Prince*?

**While reading, make connections:** Can you think of a time when you really wanted to try something new? Do you know someone who works really hard and never gives up? Have you ever been in an airplane? If so, was it scary or exciting?

### After reading, ask questions:

- ◆ Why do you think Antoine kept flying even though he crashed so many times?
- ◆ Would you have kept flying if you were Antoine?
- ◆ Based on how he acts with other people, what can you tell about Antoine's personality?
- ◆ What is he most famous for?
- ◆ Do you think he would rather you remember him as a writer or an aviator? Explain.
- ◆ What do you want people to think about when they think of you?

### RELATED ACTIVITIES

#### EDIBLE AIRPLANES

Ingredients: banana, pretzel sticks, chocolate chips

Cut a banana in half length-wise. Use four pretzel sticks to make wings (two on each side). Press six chocolate chips into the sides of the banana for windows. Take a quick flight around your plate and enjoy!

#### TOTALLY TUBULAR

Materials: paper towel tube, colored heavy paper, scissors, tape, markers or paint

Draw two wings on a sheet of heavy paper; cut them out with scissors. Fold the end of the wings under half an inch and tape them to the tube. Decorate with

markers or paint. Flip through the book or look up pictures of passenger jets online for inspiration.



#### IN PLANE SIGHT

If you live near an airport, go watch the planes take off and land. Visit your local library for great books on airplanes and aviators. Use the key to flyers on the last page of the book as a starting point to find out more about women aviators!

#### TECHNOLOGY LINK

Visit [www.funpaperairplanes.com](http://www.funpaperairplanes.com) for five free paper airplane designs. Which design flies farthest?

### ADDITIONAL RESOURCES



#### OTHER BOOKS BY THIS AUTHOR

*Ice Cream Summer* (2015)  
*Madlenka* (2010)  
*Starry Messenger: Galileo Galilei* (2000)



Reading Is Fundamental