

# AOPA's Aviation STEM Curriculum

## 9<sup>th</sup> grade

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# HIGH SCHOOL AVIATION STEM CURRICULUM

## The Basics -

- Three Career and Technical Education pathways
  - Pilot
  - Aerospace engineering
  - Drones (UAS)
- Industry credential in each pathway
- Four year program, can implement individual courses
- Thanks to donations to the AOPA Foundation, this curriculum is offered at no charge to high schools.



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# FOUR YEAR CURRICULUM OUTLINE

## 9<sup>th</sup> Grade

## 10<sup>th</sup> Grade

## 11<sup>th</sup> Grade

## 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

	Semester 1	Semester 2	Semester 1	Semester 2	Semester 1	Semester 2	Semester 1	Semester 2
Pilot	Principles of Aviation & Aerospace	Exploring Aviation & Aerospace	Introduction to Flight	Aircraft Systems	Private Pilot Fundamentals I	Private Pilot Fundamentals II	Aviation Safety	Pilot Capstone
Unmanned Aircraft Systems	Principles of Aviation & Aerospace	Exploring Aviation & Aerospace	Introduction to Flight	Aircraft Systems	UAS Operations I	UAS Operations II	UAS Design & Applications	UAS Capstone
Aerospace Engineering	Principles of Aviation & Aerospace	Exploring Aviation & Aerospace	Aerodynamics for Engineers	Principles of Engineering for Aerospace Applications	Aerospace Materials	Aerospace Engineering Drawing	Advanced Aerospace Design	Aerospace Engineering Capstone



# Lesson Resources

Lesson Plans  
PowerPoints  
Student Projects  
Student Notes  
Student Activities  
Student Assessments  
Teacher Notes  
Teaching Aids

UNIT 2.D | Day 1-2 | LESSON PLAN  
**THE "WRIGHT" APPROACH** | HIGH SCHOOLS  
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UNIT 2: TAKING FLIGHT — Early Aviation Innovations | SECTION D: Powered, Controlled Flight | TIME OF LESSON: Two, 50 minute periods

**DESIRED RESULTS**

**ESSENTIAL UNDERSTANDINGS**

Historically, aviation and aerospace technology have evolved as concerns about efficiency and safety have been addressed. (EUS)  
Innovators in the world of aviation use engineering design and the scientific process to advance aviation technology and procedures, and improve aviation safety. (EUS)

**ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS**

1. Should the Wright Brothers be viewed as leaders in aviation or contributors?

**Students Will Know**

- That testing models is a way to prove theory
- What challenges the Wright Brothers had to overcome to make powered, controlled flight a reality

**Students Will Be Able To:**

- Describe the scientific process the Wright Brothers used to solve the power, control, and lift problems they encountered. (DOK:L2)
- Analyze the historical significance of the Wright Brothers and others who made contributions to early powered flight. (DOK:L4)

**ASSESSMENT EVIDENCE**

**Pre-Assessment:** Students make a list of five things they think they know about the Wright Brothers.  
**Formative Assessment:** Students record the enduring legacy of the Wright Brothers' original design by comparing "The Wright Flyer" to aircraft built today and identifying similarities.  
**Post-Assessment:** Students respond to the lesson's driving question.

**INSTRUCTION AND FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT PLAN**

**Materials/Resources Needed**

**Lesson Resources**

- 2.D.Day 1-2 POWERPOINT 1
- 2.D.Day 1-2 STUDENT NOTES 1
- 2.D.Day 1-2 STUDENT ACTIVITY 1
- 2.D.Day 1-2 STUDENT ACTIVITY 2

**Interactive Notebooks**

PRINCIPLES OF AVIATION AND AEROSPACE - 9



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# ESSENTIAL UNDERSTANDINGS

1. Historically, aviation and aerospace technology have evolved as concerns about efficiency and safety have been addressed. (EU1)
2. Innovators in the world of aviation used combinations of engineering design and the scientific process to advance aviation technology and procedures, and improve aviation safety. (EU2)
3. Career pathways have developed to support advances in aviation and aerospace technology and safety. (EU3)
4. Careers in aviation and aerospace cover a multitude of interests and skill sets. There is a place for everyone in aviation. (EU4)
5. Government agencies work to make aviation and aerospace safer and more efficient. (EU5)



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# SEM 1 – PRINCIPLES OF AVIATION AND AEROSPACE

**Unit 1** Aviation and Aerospace Today

**Unit 2** Taking Flight – Early Aviation Innovations

**Unit 3** From Theory to Practical Reality – Rapid Developments in Powered Flight

**Unit 4** To the Stars – Making Jet and Space Travel Possible

**Unit 5** Creating the Future – What's New and Next in Aviation and Aerospace



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# Unit 1 Aviation and Aerospace Today



## HEAVY LIFT ROCKET ACTIVITY

Task: Design a balloon rocket to carry weights to the ceiling.

### HEAVY LIFT ROCKET ACTIVITY

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Class \_\_\_\_\_

#### MISSION

You have been assigned to design, build, and test the next generation of heavy lift rocket. Heavy lift rockets will help the space program progress by lowering the cost of sending cargo and supplies into space.

#### DIRECTIONS

- Use the materials provided to lift as much cargo (paper clips) into space as possible on a given launch
- You can use any or all of the materials provided to develop your rocket. Just be sure to follow the engineering design process (EDP) to help achieve your goals.
- How to launch:
  - Use the fishing line or smooth string that is attached to the ceiling as a guide for the rocket's path
  - Thread the string/line through the straw(s) so that the straw(s) can slide straight up toward the ceiling as propelled by your rocket
  - The rest of the design is up to your team. Your goal is to get as many paper clips (cargo) as possible to reach the ceiling (space) using your launch system.
  - You are not limited to how many times you launch, but you should continue to refine your design to carry more paper clips
- Keep a record of your results on this paper (see below)

#### MATERIALS (PER TEAM)

- Large binder clip
- Fishing line/smooth string
- 4 long balloons per team - 5" x 24"
- Bathroom size (3 o.z.) paper cup
- 2 straight drinking straws
- 50 small paper clips
- Sandwich-size plastic bag
- Masking tape
- Wooden spring-type clothespins (optional)
- scissors

#### USE THE ENGINEERING DESIGN PROCESS

- Identify the problem
- Identify criteria and constraint
- Brainstorm possible solutions
- Select a design
- Build a model or prototype
- Test the model and evaluate
- Refine the design
- Share the solution



## Unit 2 Taking Flight- Early Aviation Innovations



### HOT AIR BALLOON ACTIVITY

Task: Design a hot air balloon, test, modify, and fly again.





## Unit 2 Taking Flight- Early Aviation Innovations

### LESSON: Build and Test a Wind Tunnel

#### LESSON MATERIALS INCLUDED:

Lesson Plan

PowerPoint

Student Notes

Teacher Aid

Student Activity



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# BUILD AND TEST A WIND TUNNEL Lesson

UNIT 2.D | Day 3-7 | LESSON PLAN

## BUILD AND TEST A WIND TUNNEL



UNIT 2: TAKING FLIGHT –  
Early Aviation Innovations

SECTION D  
Powered, Controlled Flight

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#### ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS

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#### Students Will Know

- How the Wright Brothers improved their designs through the use of a wind tunnel
- Which airfoils create more lift by looking at their shape and characteristics

#### Students Will Be Able

- Describe the scientific process the Wright Brothers used to solve the power, control, and lift problems they encountered.
- Analyze the historical significance of the Wright Brothers and others who made contributions to early powered flight.

### ASSESSMENT EVIDENCE

**Pre-Assessment** Watch the video and ask informal driving questions.

**Formative Assessment** Ask students open-ended questions throughout the build of the wind tunnel to gauge student understanding.

**Post-Assessment** Use a 3-2-1 exercise to help students reflect on what they've learned.

### INSTRUCTION AND FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT PLAN

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##### Lesson Resources

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- 2.D.Day 3-7 POWERPOINT 1
- 2.D.Day 3-7 TEACHER AID 1
- 2.D.Day 3-7 STUDENT ACTIVITY 1

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# BUILD AND TEST A WIND TUNNEL - Lesson

## Lesson Summary

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**Day 3 - 7: Build and Test a Wind Tunnel**

Day 8: The “Wright” Attitude

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The teacher will use a 3-2-1 exercise to help students reflect on what they've learned.

## Background

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### Safety

- Actively supervise students during the activity. Be ready to offer guidance in situations where safety could be compromised.
- Make sure students use eye protection. Have available insulated gloves for handling hot objects and pads for setting down objects with heated surfaces.
- Explain how to safely store sharp objects on an active workspace when they are not in use. Students should not be holding sharp objects or tools when they are not in use.
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Learning Activity	Assessment
<p><b>Engage</b></p> <p>Show the video “Boeing 737 MAX Winglets in the Wind.” (Length 2:08) The students will get an understanding of the precision and scale of today’s wind tunnels. <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yD828p9NtOU">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yD828p9NtOU</a></p> <p>Ask students the following questions and lead a class discussion: <i>Why are wind tunnels used to design aircraft? What do they measure? A wind tunnel provides a means to test aircraft and their components in order to determine their performance and behavior in the air. Wind tunnels provide a way to test objects in a much more cost effective and safe manner. Wind tunnels allow for the measurement of aerodynamic forces and airflow around an object. The objects tested can be entire aircraft models, airfoils, engines, rockets, and more.</i></p> <p><i>What other industries besides aviation use wind tunnels to test designs? The automobile, boating, and motorsports industries all use wind tunnels. The sporting goods industry uses them to test things like helmets and golf balls</i></p>	<p><b>Pre-Assessment</b></p> <p>Watch the video and ask informal driving questions.</p>

# Lesson

## Three-dimensional Learning

- **HS-ETS1-1** - Analyze a major global challenge to specify qualitative and quantitative criteria and constraints for solutions that account for societal needs and wants.
  - Science and Engineering Practices
    - Asking Questions and Defining Problems
    - Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions
  - Disciplinary Core Ideas
    - ETS1.A: Defining and Delimiting Engineering Problems
  - Crosscutting Concepts
    - Systems and System Models
    - Influence of Science, Engineering, and Technology on Society and the Natural World
  
- **HS-ETS1-2** - ADesign a solution to a complex real-world problem by breaking it down into smaller, more manageable problems that can be solved through engineering.
  - Science and Engineering Practices
    - Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions
  - Disciplinary Core Ideas
    - ETS1.C: Optimizing the Design Solution
  - Crosscutting Concepts- none

IN A WIND TUNNEL | LESSON PLAN



<p>students reflect on what they've learned and answer the following questions in their journals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How do you think you will use what you learned about the use of wind tunnels?</li> <li>2. How do you think you will use what you learned about the Wright Brothers' decision to test airfoils?</li> <li>3. How do you think you will use what you learned to know more about in the engineering design process?</li> </ul>	<p><b>Post-Assessment</b></p> <p>Use a 3-2-1 exercise to help students reflect on what they've learned.</p>
<p>Students will work in peer mentors to work with others students throughout the detailed build of the model and the airfoils.</p>	
<p>Students will use the engineering design process to design and test their own airfoils. They could vary the angle of attack and measure the lift. They could also measure the lift.</p>	
<p><b>STANDARDS ALIGNMENT</b></p>	
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4. Looking through the viewing window, take note of the weight in grams (to the tenth or hundredth) before the wind tunnel is turned on

*generally use symmetrical airfoils.*

The students will then summarize the results and present their findings to the class.

If the teacher desires and time allows, the students can use the engineering design process to design and test their own airfoil.

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  - Science and Engineering Practices
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# BUILD AND TEST A WIND TUNNEL – Teaching Aid

UNIT 2.D | Day 3-7 | TEACHING AID 1

## BUILD AND TEST A WIND TUNNEL



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### BUILD A WIND TUNNEL

#### MATERIALS (Per Wind Tunnel)

- Large pieces of cardboard cut into the following pieces
  - Four (4) 21" x 25" x 8" (these are for the intake)

These pieces will be in the shape of a trapezoid. Your dimensions might vary based on the size of your fan. In this case, a 21" square frame fan was used. Adjust the longer parallel side of the trapezoid to fit your fan. The shorter parallel side should always be 8", the size of your tunnel. The angled sides of the trapezoid panel will be shorter or longer based on the size of your fan. Have the students calculate that distance as a geometry exercise if you wish.

- Four (4) 40" x 8" (these are for the tunnel)

- Box fan (highest powered fan available)
- Box knife
- Metal straight edge
- Measuring tape/ruler
- Drinking straws (recommend using Jumbo size)
- One (1) 8" x 10" piece Lexan/Plexiglass (can be purchased pre-cut at a major hardware store)
- Duct tape
- Hot glue gun and glue sticks
- Digital scale (measures to 0.1g, at a minimum)
- Safety glasses

#### SAFETY

- Actively supervise students during the activity. Be ready to offer guidance in situations where safety could be compromised.
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- Explain how to safely store sharp objects on an active workspace when they are not in use. Students should not be holding sharp objects or tools when they are not in use.
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1

Measure and cut the pieces of cardboard



2

Duct tape three of the four 40" x 8" tunnel pieces together on the long edges. Leave one edge untaped.



3

On one end of the 40" x 8" tunnel, glue the straws down using hot glue. The straws will straighten the turbulent airflow coming from the fan. Using jumbo straws will reduce the time needed to complete this step and produce the same results.



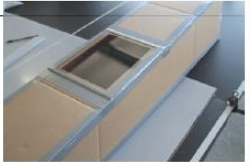
# BUILD AND TEST A WIND TUNNEL – Teaching Aid



**4** On the top (untaped) 40" x 8" tunnel flap, cut a hole for the sheet of Lexan. Ensure the hole is smaller than the area of the Lexan so it can be taped in place from the outside and not fall through the hole. (i.e., 8"x10" Lexan = 7-1/2" x 9-1/2" hole)



**5** Tape the last 40" x 8" tunnel piece into place to make a square tube. Tape the Lexan onto the tunnel from the outside.



**6** Tape the four trapezoid-shaped cardboard pieces for the intake together, and then tape them around the fan. Ensure that you seal the area around the fan with duct tape as best you can.



**7** Make two support stands to hold up the tunnel. Cut four rectangular pieces of cardboard at the proper height. Cut a slit halfway down each piece and slide them together to make an "X".



**8** Duct tape or hot glue the stands to the bottom of the tunnel.



**9** Duct tape the tunnel to the intake.



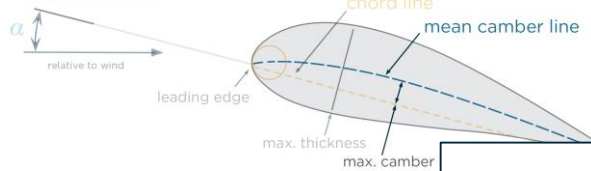


# BUILD AND TEST A WIND TUNNEL – Presentation

## AIRFOIL TERMINOLOGY

- **Camber** – the curve of the wing
  - The mean camber is a line drawn between the leading and trailing edge so that the distance between the upper and lower surfaces is equal
- **Max Camber** – measured where there is maximum distance between the chord line and the mean camber line

angle of attack

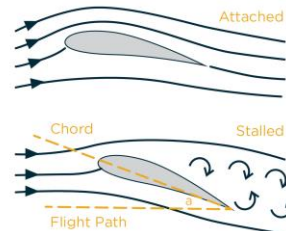


## WHAT THE WRIGHT BROTHERS LEARNED

- By testing more than 200 airfoils, the brothers learned very important factors that influence lift
  - Curved surfaces produce more lift than flat surfaces
  - Curved surfaces also produce more drag; they learned that a curved surface with a small camber was ideal for maximizing lift
  - Airfoils with the curve closer to the leading edge produce more lift
  - Airfoils that are thin and long create more lift
  - Cambered airfoils will create lift at zero angle of attack

## HOW DOES ANGLE OF ATTACK AFFECT LIFT?

- **Lift is directly affected by angle of attack**
  - As the angle of attack increases, so too does the lift produced by the airfoil
  - This is true until the critical angle of attack is reached
- **At the critical angle of attack, the boundary layer of air separates from the airfoil and creates drag**
  - This is called an "aerodynamic stall"



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# BUILD AND TEST A WIND TUNNEL – Student Activity

UNIT 2.D | Day 3-7 | STUDENT ACTIVITY 1

## BUILD AND TEST A WIND TUNNEL



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### BUILD AND TEST AIRFOILS

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Class \_\_\_\_\_

You have been learning about the Wright Brothers and their decision to measure the lift and drag on their various airfoils using a simple wind tunnel. They built airfoils, tested them, recognized areas for improvement, and then re-tested the designs. They were the first to use this process to systematically test their theories and design their gliders and airplanes.

#### WHAT IS AN AIRFOIL?

Write the definition of the following.

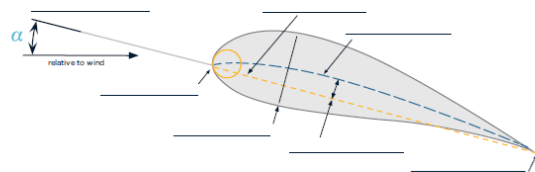
Trailing Edge \_\_\_\_\_  
 Leading Edge \_\_\_\_\_  
 Chord \_\_\_\_\_  
 Angle of Attack \_\_\_\_\_  
 Thickness \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mean Camber \_\_\_\_\_  
 Max Camber \_\_\_\_\_  
 Symmetrical Airfoil \_\_\_\_\_  
 Asymmetrical Airfoil \_\_\_\_\_  
 Planform \_\_\_\_\_  
 Span \_\_\_\_\_

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Label the parts of the airfoil



Characteristics of an airfoil that influence lift

- Curved surfaces produce more lift than \_\_\_\_\_ surfaces
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- Airfoils that are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ create more lift
- \_\_\_\_\_ airfoils create lift at zero angle of attack

#### BUILD AND TEST

In small groups, you will build two airfoils out of foam board. Each group will build one symmetrical airfoil of a given chord and span, and one asymmetrical airfoil of a given chord and span. You will test the airfoils in your new wind tunnel to determine which airfoil creates more lift.

Both of your airfoils will have a chord of 6" and a span of 5-1/4".

Finally, you will summarize the results of your airfoil test and present your findings to the class.

#### MATERIALS (per group)

- **Airfoil Mount** (assume each group builds one airfoil mount to test both airfoils)
  - Foam board pieces (recommend using standard white foam board from Dollar Tree)
    - One (1) 6" x 6"
    - Eight (8) 1" x 3"
  - Wire (can be from a wire hanger)
    - Three (3) 7-1/2" pieces of wire

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#### Symmetrical Airfoil

- Foam board pieces
  - One (1) 6" x 5-1/4"
  - Three (3) 5-1/4" x 1"

#### Asymmetrical Airfoil

- Foam board pieces
  - One (1) 16" x 5-1/4"
  - Three (3) 5-1/4" x 1"

- Box knife
- Metal straight edge
- Measuring tape/ruler
- Hot glue gun and glue sticks
- Pliers/wire cutter
- Protractor
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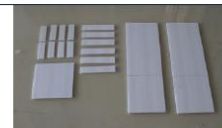
1

Gather all materials



2

Measure and cut the foam board pieces needed for the airfoil mount and both airfoils



# BUILD AND TEST A WIND TUNNEL – Student Activity



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## SYMMETRICAL AIRFOIL

Bend the third 7-3/2" piece of wire at both ends. Insert one end of the wire into the trailing edge of your airfoil.

Using the protractor, measure 0, 15, and 30 degrees angle of attack. Insert the wire into the base of the airfoil mount that corresponds with the 3 different angles of attack.



## TEST YOUR AIRFOILS

Before you test the airfoils, hypothesize which airfoil will create more lift. How will angle of attack influence the lift created? Explain your reasoning.

To measure the lift of the airfoils, you will note the weight the airfoil assembly exerts on a digital scale before the wind tunnel is on and while the wind tunnel is on.

Take the following steps to measure lift:

1. Place the digital scale inside the wind tunnel
2. Ensure the digital scale has been "zeroed" out
3. Place the airfoil mount and the symmetrical airfoil on the scale
4. Looking through the viewing window, take note of the weight in grams (to the tenth or hundredth) before the wind tunnel is turned on
5. Turn on the wind tunnel (ensure the fan is at the highest power setting)
6. After a few moments, take note of the new weight in grams (to the tenth or hundredth)
7. Subtract the weight found in step 6 from the weight found in step 4 to determine the amount of lift generated.
8. Repeat these steps for both airfoils and the different angle of attacks

	ANGLE OF ATTACK	WEIGHT IN GRAMS BEFORE	WEIGHT IN GRAMS DURING THE TEST	LIFT GENERATED (G)
SYMMETRICAL AIRFOIL	0 degrees			
	15 degrees			
	30 degrees			
ASYMMETRICAL AIRFOIL	0 degrees			
	15 degrees			
	30 degrees			



Which airfoil produced the most lift? Explain why.

Which airfoil produced the most lift for a given angle of attack? Why?

Go back to your wind tunnel with your asymmetrical airfoil. Mount the airfoil upside down so that the cambered side of the airfoil is facing the scale. Place the entire airfoil mount on the scale with the leading edge pointed towards the fan. Note the weight again before turning on the fan. What happens to the weight once the wind tunnel is turned on? Why?

What would you expect if we did the same exercise with the symmetrical airfoil?

## Share your findings

An important aspect of engineering design is presenting your findings. Put together your results to share with the rest of the class. Be prepared to describe what limitations you encountered, errors you made, and ideas you have for improving the design of your airfoils and improving the testing methods.

# SEM 2 – EXPLORING AVIATION AND AEROSPACE

**Unit 6** Aviation Safety and Oversight

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## Accident Case Safety-NTSB “Go Team”

- Can we really know what went wrong?
- Everyone takes a role on the “Go Team”, learn the functions and how they fit together.
- Students present findings and share recommendations.

### COLGAN AIR FLIGHT 3407

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Class \_\_\_\_\_

Using the information contained in your accident-case-study packet and a reanimation video, your “Go Team” will evaluate the crash of Colgan Air Flight 3407. Each team will present its “findings” and “recommendations” upon completing the study.

#### STEP 1

Each member of your team will choose one element of the “Go Team.” If you have less than seven members, some students will need to accept more than one “Go Team” responsibility.

“GO TEAM” RESPONSIBILITY	TEAM MEMBER ASSIGNED
<b>OPERATIONS</b> Collect history of the accident flight and crewmembers’ duties for as many days before the crash as appears relevant.	
<b>STRUCTURES</b> Document the airframe wreckage and the accident scene.	
<b>POWERPLANTS</b> Examine engines (and propellers) and engine accessories.	
<b>SYSTEMS</b> Study components of the plane’s hydraulic, electrical, pneumatic and associated systems, together with instruments and elements of the flight control system.	
<b>AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL</b> Reconstruct the air traffic services provided to the pilot, including acquisition of ATC radar data and transcripts of controller-pilot radio transmissions.	
<b>WEATHER</b> Gather all pertinent weather data from the National Weather Service, and sometimes from local TV stations, for a broad area around the accident scene.	
<b>HUMAN PERFORMANCE</b> Study crew performance and all before-the-accident factors that might be involved in human error, including fatigue, medication, alcohol, drugs, medical histories, training, workload, equipment design and work environment.	

## Unit 7 Exploring Careers in Aviation and Aerospace

- Students will learn more about aviation careers, education, training and certification requirements.
- Careers include:
  - Flying aircraft and drones
  - Aerospace engineer
  - Air Traffic Controller
  - Aircraft Mechanic



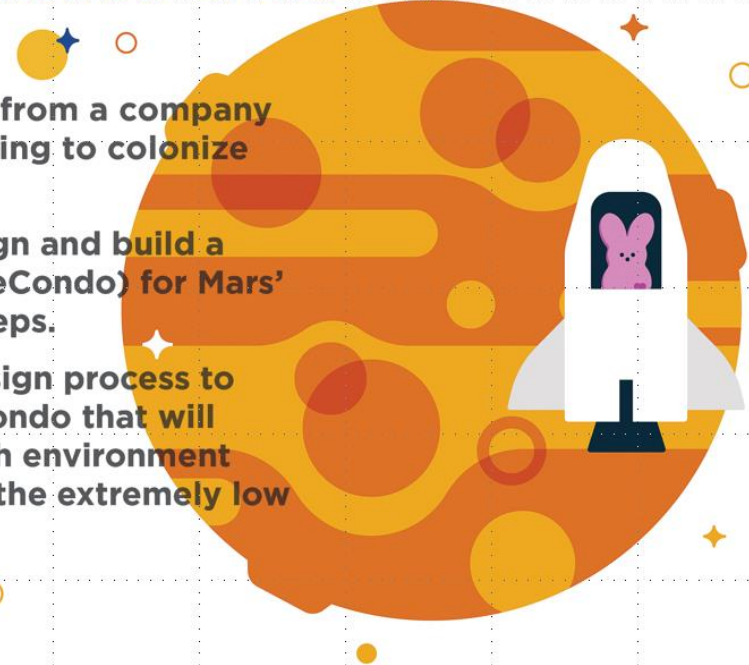
## Innovation Challenge

### “PEEP ODYSSEY” INNOVATION CHALLENGE

You are on a team of engineers from a company called SpaceCondo that is working to colonize Mars.

Your team’s challenge is to design and build a self-contained dwelling (a SpaceCondo) for Mars’ newest residents: a family of Peeps.

You will use the engineering design process to design, build and test a SpaceCondo that will protect the Peeps from the harsh environment that exists on Mars, particularly the extremely low atmospheric pressures.



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- Will have webinars in 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2018, to share more information as it is available
- Register to receive frequent updates about the curriculum on the AOPA High School website
- Complete an application to use the curriculum
- Professional development for teachers using the curriculum will be available in late June, Frederick, MD, in-person (recommended) and virtually.
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