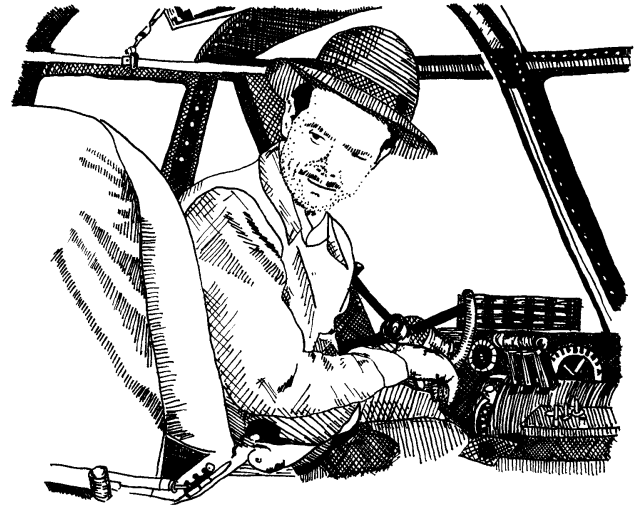


The Spruce Goose

Review Key Words

- airplane** a machine with wings that can fly
flight a trip in an airplane
supplies things stored and then used when needed
World War II a war fought from 1939 to 1945 among many countries



Write a Prediction

Read the Story

5	The largest airplane ever built	77	Goose had a wingspan of 320 feet.
11	flew only one time. Many people	84	It weighed about 400,000 pounds.
17	know this airplane as the Spruce	89	Eight engines hung on the wings.
18	Goose.	95	On November 2, 1947, Howard
24	Howard Hughes and his staff built	100	Hughes flew the Spruce Goose. It
31	this airplane in the 1940s. They built	106	flew only 70 feet above the water. It
38	it to carry soldiers and supplies to	114	took about a minute and a half to go
43	Europe during World War II.	123	just over a mile. Then it landed,
48	Because it was wartime, Hughes	130	never to fly again. Howard Hughes
54	made the airplane out of wood.	136	kept the Spruce Goose in flight
59	Special waterproof glues held much	142	condition until he died in 1976. He
65	of it together. Over 1000 people	149	even replaced the engines with ones
70	worked on building the Spruce	155	that were more powerful. But the
71	Goose.	161	Spruce Goose never flew again.
	When it was finished, the Spruce	166	

Cold Timing Score: _____ Final Timing Score: _____

Answer the Questions

1. What is the main idea of this story?
 - a. The Spruce Goose was made out of wood.
 - b. The Spruce Goose was huge and only flew once.
 - c. Hughes flew the Spruce Goose in 1947.
2. Why was the Spruce Goose built?
 - a. to carry soldiers and supplies
 - b. to fulfill a dream of Mr. Hughes
 - c. to experiment with wooden planes
3. What does **wingspan** mean in this story?
 - a. the speed of the airplane
 - b. the weight of the airplane
 - c. the distance across the wings
4. Why did the Spruce Goose fly only one time?
 - a. It was too big and too heavy.
 - b. World War II ended.
 - c. It was not kept in good condition.
5. How was the Spruce Goose different than most airplanes that fly now?

Number Correct: _____

Write a Retell of "The Spruce Goose"

Number of Words Written: _____