Alternative Endings in History: Re-writing the Amelia Earhart Story
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On July 1, 1937, Amelia Earhart and Fred Noonan left Lae, New Guinea. Having flown ¾ of the way around the world, the pair had one final leg across the Pacific Ocean toward their final destination of Oakland, California. On July 2, however, Amelia and Fred were unable to find their next destination, a tiny island in the Pacific Ocean called Howland Island. Despite several SOS calls, Amelia was unable to hear instructions from the Coast Guard. Amelia and Fred would never be seen or heard from again. Exhaustive searches turned up nothing. Most believed and still believe that Earhart and Noonan likely crashed into the ocean, though there is some evidence to suggest they may have crash landed on a different island. The disappearance of Earhart and Noonan remains one of the great enduring mysteries in American history. There may never be closure.

Imagine that you have the chance to craft an alternative ending to the Amelia Earhart story! Maybe she successfully crossed the ocean and returned home an even bigger hero. Maybe she crash landed in the ocean and lived out her life stranded on an island. Maybe she was captured. Continue the story (as started below) but add your own ending different from the one above.

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