# Year 6 - Biographies

Amelia Earhart

### Recall

What can you remember about Nancy Wake from yesterday?



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#### **Practise**

- In 1944, on the night of 29/30 April, she landed in Auvergne, a region in occupied France. She was designated the task of a liaison between the local maquis group
- Wake became the most wanted person by the 'Gestapo' by 1943. They put a price of 5 million franc on her head. After she managed to escape Marseilles
- In 1933, as a journalist she interviewed Adolf Hitler. She witnessed the atrocities of the Nazis that included thrashing Jews men and women in the streets of Vienna.
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- By June 1940 France had to surrender to Germany that saw incapacitation of the French armed forces and abatement of its government. Wake joined the 'French Resistance' and worked as its messenger.

#### **Apply**

Using the facts that you have put into chronological order turn those facts into a couple of paragraphs.