

Day 5

Although plans had been put into place for Earhart to talk to people on the USCGC *Itasca*, she was unable to. As she approached, the men working on the *Itasca* could hear Earhart. Unfortunately, it soon became clear that Earhart could not hear any of the messages from the ship. This also meant that Earhart would be unable to use the technology on the plane to locate the *Itasca*. The first calls that came into the *Itasca* from Earhart were normal. Later, Earhart radioed in and asked for help with finding the boat. The men on board waited helplessly, knowing there was nothing they could do to help Earhart.

Little is known about the final leg of Earhart's journey. Radio communication continued to be picked up from her plane, but Earhart could not find Howard Island. At one point, the *Itasca* let out a large amount of smoke in hopes that Earhart would spot it. Unfortunately, Earhart never found Howard Island. Soon after the last radio message from Earhart, search parties went out looking for her and her plane. They searched in the areas they thought Earhart might have been. The search was later expanded to nearby islands. Clues were found on one island that led some to believe Earhart may have landed there. There was no evidence to substantiate that theory.

Earhart and her plane were never located. As the years have passed, the interesting story of Amelia Earhart has intrigued many. Although Earhart was never found, there are many theories about what happened. The most common theory is that her plane ran out of fuel and she was forced to land at sea. Another theory is that she may have landed on one of the nearby islands.

- 1. What does substantiate mean?
 - a. prove
 - b. cancel
 - c. watch
- 2. What does intrigued mean?
 - a. bored
 - b. annoyed
 - c. interested
- 3. Underline the word or words that helped you determine the answers to 1 & 2.
- 4. Write a summary of today's passage.