



**Did you know?** On January 9, 1793, Jean-Pierre Francois Blanchard made the first manned balloon flight in American's history. The event occurred in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and was watched by President George Washington. The hydrogen-filled balloon rose to a height of 5,800 feet and traveled 15 miles. It landed 46 minutes later in New Jersey. Blanchard had one passenger with him on the flight, a little black dog.

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