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Fiction

Imagine that you live in Italy in 1647, when Burattini built his dragon glider. You've been offered a flight in the glider, and you say yes! Describe your flight.

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Informational

Gliders and hot air balloons are different ways of flying. Write an article comparing these two ways to fly.

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Letter writing

Write a letter to one of the people you read about, before they tested their flying machine. Tell them what you think of their plan – you can encourage them if you want, or maybe try to talk them out of it!

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Opinion

It can be dangerous inventing new machines, and learning how to use them. Write an article about one of the inventors or aviators in this book. Say if you think they were brave, or foolish? Did they help people, or did they waste their time?

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Research

Leonardo da Vinci didn't just draw pictures of flying machines – he invented many things, and was a famous artist too. Find out about him, and write an essay about his life, and his most important ideas.