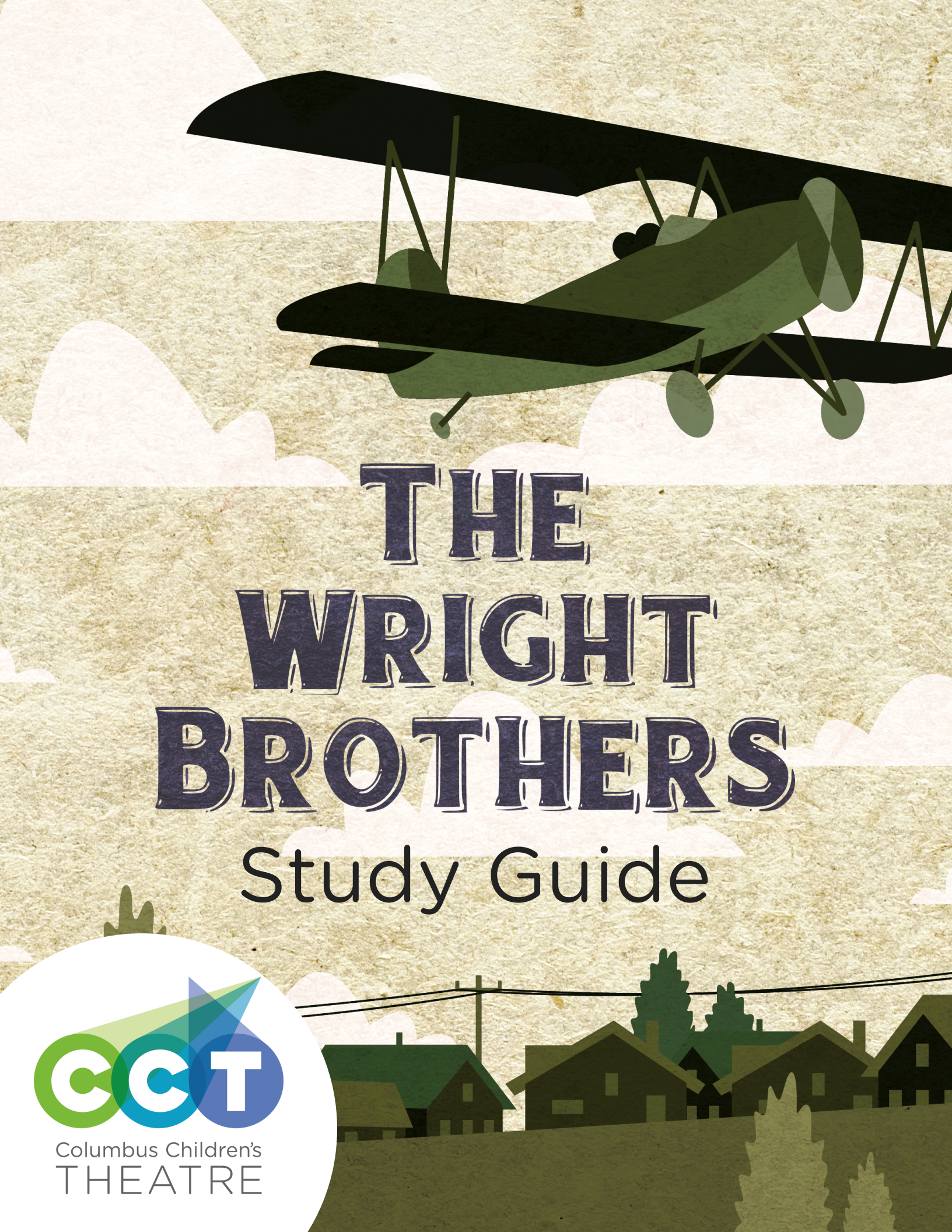

The Wright Brothers

Study Guide

Columbus Children's THEATRE

CCT History

The Columbus Junior Theatre of the Arts (CJT), now known as the Columbus Children's Theatre (CCT), was founded in 1963 by Mrs. Howard (Sis) Bloom to offer classes in theatre, and production experience for children throughout central Ohio.

CJT's first touring company was created in 1970. The company was comprised of adult volunteer performers. This continued until 1983 when the first professional touring company was officially hired. In the same year, CJT partnered with Columbus Public Schools to create The Child Writing Project.

The Columbus Junior Theatre of the Arts officially became the Columbus Children's Theatre in 1998. CCT celebrated its 50th year in 2013 with family, friends, patrons and distinguished alumni, including Josh Radnor, star of the television series How I Met Your Mother.

CCT Touring Company

CCT's Touring Company is comprised of four professional actors who tour the state of Ohio (and beyond) bringing live theatre to children of all ages.

Left to Right: Morgan, Kelsey, Abby, Jack

What's Involved In Putting On A Show?

Putting on the Show

Performances at Columbus Children's Theatre are a result of groups of people working together. Many people know and understand what an actor is—the people on the stage telling the story. But did you know there are many more people working hard "behind-the-scenes" to make the performance happen? Below are just a few of those people,

The Director

- Responsible for the overall concept of the show—they guide a vision to create a world on stage in which the show may exist.
- Works with the actors to help them interpret their character and move on stage.
- Works closely with designers in planning the sounds, lights, scenery, costumes, props, - basically, everything you see on the stage.

The Designers

- Work with the director and with each other to create the look of the lights, scenery, costumes, make-up, sound and special effects. They make the world on stage come to life.

The Stage Manager

- Organizes every aspect of the production—schedules, resources and communications.
- In charge of making everything run smoothly from rehearsal to performance.
- Guarantee the same great performance every single time, whether you attend a show during the school day, or with your family in the evening or on the weekend.

The Crew

- There are a lot of different crew people. Some help build the scenery, costumes, and props you see on the stage, and some are working backstage during the show helping actors change costumes, moving pieces of scenery on and off, or operating the lights and sound.

The Cast

- Cast is what we call all of the actors who are on stage performing the characters in front of the audience.

The Audience

- This is where you come in! The show you see would not exist without you. The hard work everyone puts in to create a show is all meant to share a story with you.

Writing

The Wright Brothers play focuses on the childhood of Wilbur and Orville Wright. Instead of repeating facts about their lives, the play helps us to see their character traits. Wilbur and Orville were once children like you! The play is similar to a portion of a written biography. A biography is an informational text written about a real person. Often, a biography is about a famous or notable person who accomplished something important or interesting. The author of a biography is someone other than the person featured in the text.

There are additional elements of biographies that perhaps you have already reviewed in your classroom. For this activity, select a person whose life you'd like to learn more about. With the help of your teacher or librarian, choose a biography about this person to read. After you read the biography, you will write a paragraph or short essay about what you have read.

While reading, you may want to keep notes in this organizer:

My biography of _____

INTRODUCTION: Who is your biography about?	**ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Why are or were they famous?**

EARLY LIFE: Where did they grow up?

CHARACTER QUALITIES: What qualities made them successful?

EARLY CAREER: Facts and stories about their early jobs

CONCLUSION: What lesson can you learn from this person?

Activity

"Words in Flight" Word Search

WORDS TO FIND: aviation, aerodynamics, drag, launch, lift, rudder, stability, streamlined, thrust, wing

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