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Grade level: 5th - 6th

Lexile 1010-1200

Gilmore Story

An inspiration to the Key Brothers was Roscoe Turner of Corinth, Mississippi. Turner was a stunt pilot who dressed in a military-style uniform. He was sponsored by the Gilmore Oil Company, whose mascot was a lion. So, Turner purchased a lion cub and named him Gilmore. Gilmore was on board Turner's Lockheed Air Express when he set a transcontinental speed record from Los Angeles to New York City in 1930.

Lesson ideas:

- Retell this story from Gilmore's point of view (RI.5.6)
- Define the following vocabulary words and find synonyms and antonyms for them.(L.5.4) **Vocabulary- stunt, sponsored, mascot, purchased, transcontinental**
- Explain the connection between Gilmore to Meridian and the importance of this connection. (Further research required.) (RI.5.3)
- Illustrate/visualize what Gilmore looked like.
- Design a logo for the Gilmore Oil Company. See example of logos below.



