Doolittle Raiders
Persuasive Letter

Find the North American B-25 Mitchell, read the information display and the stand-up displays titled The Doolittle Raid and Attacking the Empire. Imagine you are one of the 17th Bomb Group that has volunteered for the mission. Write a letter to someone “back home” explaining why you have volunteered and try to convince this person that you are doing the right thing even though the mission is extremely dangerous.

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Dear __________________________,

Think about it... a B-25 must go 75 mph to take-off, and requires 1500 feet of runway to get up to that speed. But the USS Hornet only had 500 feet of runway. How did they do it? Read the STEM Facts on the Mitchell B-25 display to find out!