



**Did you know?** On January 7, 1785 Dr. John Jeffries, a Boston doctor, and Jean-Pierre Francois Blanchard, a French aeronaut, were the first to ride across the English Channel in a hot air balloon. They crossed from Dover, England to Calais, France and landed in a forest after nearly landing in the icy water of the English Channel. They threw overboard all their equipment and clothing to make the safe landing possible.