

### Famous Kansans Trading Card Series #9

#### Joe Engle

(1932- )

Astronaut Engle, born in Dickinson County, knew early that he wanted to fly. He sat in an orange crate at age seven and pretended to fly. Engle was a test pilot before becoming an astronaut in 1966. In 1981 Engle piloted the space shuttle *Columbia* to prove the shuttle could be reflown. He has flown more than 135 different types of aircraft and is considered one of the best flyers in the world.

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### Famous Kansans Trading Card Series #8

#### Dwight David Eisenhower

(1890-1969)

Kansas' best known citizen was raised in Abilene. As a child Eisenhower liked to help his mother cook. He enjoyed playing football. His favorite subject in school was history. Following his graduation from West Point Military Academy, Eisenhower commanded the Army Tank Corps. During his military career he served as chief of staff of the army and commander of NATO forces in Europe. In 1953 he was elected president of the United States and served two terms.

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### Famous Kansans Trading Card Series #7

#### Amelia Earhart

(1897-1937?)

The world's most famous aviatrix, Earhart was born in Atchison at her grandparents' home. As a child Earhart was interested in math and science. She became the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic in 1932. In 1937 Earhart began a flight to be the first pilot to fly around the globe at the equator. She mysteriously disappeared in the South Pacific and was believed to have crashed.

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### Famous Kansans Trading Card Series #12

#### Langston Hughes

(1902-1967)

Much of Hughes' childhood was spent with his grandmother in Lawrence. She told him stories of her first husband who was killed at Harpers Ferry with John Brown. Hughes began writing poetry as a child and published his first poem at age 19. Hughes traveled around the world and worked as a journalist reporting for newspapers. As a writer Hughes was active with other writers and musicians in the Harlem Renaissance.

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### Famous Kansans Trading Card Series #11

#### Steve Hawley

(1952- )

Born in Ottawa and raised in Salina, Hawley was selected as a NASA astronaut in 1978. Hawley is an astronomer who was a mission specialist on the first flight of the shuttle *Discovery*. Hawley used the shuttle's robotic arm to catch the Hubble space telescope for astronauts to make repairs to it. He has been on four space flights and will go into space again in 1999.

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### Famous Kansans Trading Card Series #10

#### Ronald Evans

(1933-1990)

Evans was the last American to orbit the moon in the 20th century. Born in St. Francis, Evans always wanted to explore and his frontier was the moon. Evans flew first as a navy pilot before joining NASA. In 1972 Evans was one of three crew on the *Apollo 17* mission. As the command module pilot, Evans logged more time around the moon than any other astronaut.

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