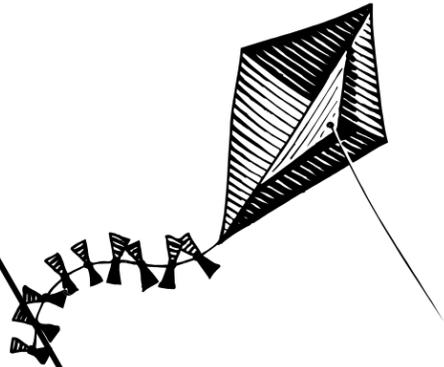


Go Fly a Kite!

The first kite was thought to be flown over 2,000 years ago in China. Since then kites have been used for many things. They have been used to carry weather instruments and to send messages during the Civil War and World Wars. Famous inventors like Benjamin Franklin and Alexander Graham Bell used kites to learn about wind and weather. The Wright Brothers even used kites to learn how they could fly an airplane! Best of all, kites have always been used to have fun and play kite games. Ask your parents and grandparents if they made kites when they were growing up!



Here's what Author, Truman Capote, who lived in Monroeville, Alabama said about flying kites in Alabama:

"For we are champion kite fliers who study the wind like sailors; my friend, more accomplished than I, can get a kite aloft when there isn't enough breeze to carry clouds.

There, plunging through the healthy waist-high grass, we unreel our kites, feel them twitching at the string like sky fish as they swim into the wind. Satisfied, sun-warmed, we sprawl in the grass and peel **Satsumas** (*citrus fruit*) and watch our kites **cavort** (*dance around*)."

Monroeville, Alabama

