

Women's History Reading Comprehension



Who Is Mae Jemison?

Dr. Mae Jemison was the first African-American woman to enter space. She was part of the crew of the Space Shuttle Endeavour in September 1992.

Mae Jemison was born in Alabama in 1956. A few years after her birth, the family moved to Chicago where Mae attended school. She was an excellent student and graduated high school when she was only 16. She went to Stanford University where she studied engineering, and then to medical school at Cornell.

After becoming a doctor, Mae joined the Peace Corps in 1983, serving as a medical officer in the West African countries of Sierra Leone and Liberia.

NASA selected Dr. Jemison for astronaut training in 1987. In her first mission aboard the Shuttle Endeavour in 1992, Dr. Jemison was Science Mission Specialist on the flight.

Dr. Jemison is an excellent dancer and is interested in the theater. Some of her other hobbies are photography, skiing and studying foreign languages. She speaks Russian, Japanese, and Swahili, as well as English.

In 1993, Dr. Jemison resigned from NASA. She currently works on projects to advance technology and improve healthcare in developing countries.

Questions for "Who is Mae Jemison?"

1. When was Mae Jemison born?

1926 1956 1983

2. Where was Mae Jemison born?

Alabama Illinois Michigan

3. Where did Mae Jemison attend high school?

Chicago Houston New York

4. When was Mae Jemison's mission in space?

1987 1992 1996

5. How many languages, including English, does Mae Jameson speak?

2 3 4

6. For which of these space missions was Mae Jemison a crew member?

Discovery Endeavour Enterprise

7. Where did Mae Jemison get her medical degree?

Harvard Stanford Cornell

8. Which of these is NOT a hobby of Mae Jemison?

dancing

photography

gardening

9. Mae Jameson has degrees in both medicine and literature.

True

False

It doesn't say in the story.

10. What did Mae Jemison do right after getting her medical degree?

She joined the Peace Corps as a medical officer.

She was hired by NASA.

She got another degree in foreign languages.