

Elizabeth Blackwell

1821-1910



Elizabeth Blackwell was born on February 3, 1821 in Bristol, England. In 1832, she moved to New York with her family when she was 11 years old. Elizabeth grew up to become a teacher in 1839. After her friend became sick, she decided she wanted to attend medical school to become a doctor. At that time, only men became doctors. Elizabeth tried, but no medical schools would allow her to attend because she was a woman. Finally, in 1847, Geneva college agreed to accept her as a medical student. In 1849, Elizabeth became the first woman to graduate from medical school. Since hospitals in America would not hire her as a doctor, Elizabeth worked in Paris, France pursuing her dream of helping people. After many years, she went on to open a medical school for women in New York City in 1868. At the age

of 89, she passed away on May 31, 1910. Elizabeth faced a lot of battles in order to fulfill her dreams. She never gave up, and she will always be remembered as a pioneer of women.

Questions

1. When was Elizabeth Blackwell born?
2. Where was she born?
3. What event made her decide to become a doctor?
4. What college did she attend?
5. What was she known for?
6. When did she die?
7. What was one of Blackwell's character traits?

Sally Ride

1951 - 2012



Sally Ride was the first woman astronaut from the U.S. to go into space. She flew two missions on the space shuttle. One was in August 1983, and the other was in October 1984. Both times she flew as a member of the crew of the space shuttle Challenger. Sally Ride was born in 1951 in Los Angeles, California. She was interested in science, but she was also an excellent tennis player. She studied physics at Stanford University, where she earned her doctorate degree. While Dr. Ride was at Stanford, she answered an ad in the student newspaper for students interested in the space program. She was accepted into the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) program in 1978 to become an astronaut. During her space missions, she was the first woman to operate a robotic arm, and she also retrieved a satellite using the robotic arm. She spent a total of 343 hours in space, which is over 14 days. Dr. Ride was getting ready for another mission in 1986 when the Challenger space shuttle exploded. She was appointed to a group that studied what had gone wrong with

the shuttle. She later became part of a group at NASA that made plans for future space missions. In 1987 Dr. Ride retired from NASA and began working and teaching at Stanford. In 2003 she was part of the investigation into the next shuttle accident, this time on the space shuttle Columbia. Dr. Sally Ride died in 2012. Although she was famous as the first American woman in space, she said she always thought of herself just one way: as an astronaut. She inspired many people, both male and female.

Questions

1. What did Sally Ride study at college?
2. What was the name of the space shuttle that took Dr. Ride into space?
3. How long did Dr. Ride spent in space?
4. What does NASA stand for?
5. What was Dr. Ride famous for?