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SALLY RIDE

Sally Ride was an astronaut. She was the first American woman to travel into space. She left Earth on June 18, 1983. She came back on June 24th. She traveled with four other astronauts in the spaceship *Challenger*.

Challenger orbited Earth. When something orbits something, it goes around it. How long did it take *Challenger* to orbit Earth? It took only 90 minutes! *Challenger* orbited Earth 16 times in just one day. This meant that Ride saw the sun rise and set 16 times in one day!

Ride liked being an astronaut. She liked being in space. She liked how it felt when the force of gravity was not pulling her down. Without the force of gravity, she could float. She floated from place to place. While in space, she played a game to catch jellybeans. The jellybeans were floating, too! Ride had to catch the jellybeans with her mouth!

Sally Ride worked hard to become an astronaut. She went to school for many years. She had to have special training. The training was hard work. Ride was a good astronaut. She went into space two times. Ride then became a teacher. She wrote books and helped direct space research. When you research something, you study it. You try to find out new things about it. Sally Ride received several awards and honors for her work and continues to be committed to science education.



STORY QUESTIONS

1. This story is mainly about . . .
 - a. spaceships.
 - b. a woman astronaut.
 - c. space travel.
 - d. astronaut training.

2. What statement is **true**?
 - a. Sally Ride wrote books in space.
 - b. Sally Ride did not like being an astronaut.
 - c. Sally Ride went into space two times.
 - d. Sally Ride liked the force of gravity in space.

3. If you wanted to find out more about space travel, you might _____ it.

a. research	c. travel
b. orbit	d. float

4. How long was Ride in space the first time?
 - a. 6 days
 - b. 8 days
 - c. 4 days
 - d. 16 days



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ANNIE OAKLEY

Annie Oakley was born in Ohio on August 13, 1860. Her parents were poor Quakers who lived on a small farm. Annie learned to trap animals and do chores. In 1866, her father died. When she was eight, her mom sent her to work for a neighbor. She learned to embroider and sew from the neighbor's wife.

After two years, she ran away. Annie came back to the farm. Her family could not pay the bills and did not have money to pay for the farm. Annie went to work, hunting animals to sell to restaurants and hotels. She was very good at trapping animals, and she could shoot well. Soon she earned enough money to buy the family farm.

People heard stories about Annie and her gun. The manager of one of the hotels was in charge of a shooting contest. He asked Annie to enter the contest. She and her brother saved \$50.00 to enter the contest. Annie won the contest by one shot. She beat a famous shooter named Frank Butler. He could not believe how well she could shoot a gun. He asked her to marry him, and she did.

Annie and Frank spent 15 years acting in Wild West shows. Annie Oakley was a great actress. She was the star of the show. Frank was her manager. She could shoot a hole in a card from ninety feet away. She could shoot an apple off her dog's head. She could even shoot a cigarette out of Frank's mouth! Annie could shoot faster than any man for miles around.

STORY QUESTIONS

1. What was Annie's childhood like?
 - a. interesting and full of adventures
 - b. easy and fun
 - c. very difficult and full of hard work
 - d. gentle and proper
2. From the passage, it is safe to guess that . . .
 - a. Annie had a good education.
 - b. Annie trusted herself with a gun.
 - c. Annie loved to clean house.
 - d. Annie was lazy.
3. Annie showed us that . . .
 - a. riding horses was a good skill to have.
 - b. if you want something bad enough, you will work hard to get it.
 - c. acting was the best choice of careers.
 - d. none of the above.
4. We know that Annie cared about her family because . . .
 - a. she taught her sisters to embroider.
 - b. she read to her family.
 - c. she made enough money to buy the farm for her family.
 - d. she trapped with her brother.



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DALE EVANS

Have you seen Dale Evans on television? She starred in movies and television shows. She was in more than 28 old-time cowboy movies. Dale was also a singer.

Some say her real name is Frances Octavia Smith. Others claim it was Lucille Wood Smith. What we do know is that her life began in Uvalde, Texas. She ran away with her high school sweetheart to get married when she was only fourteen. They moved to Tennessee and had a baby boy named Tom. One year later her husband died.

Frances/Lucille found a job at a radio station. She sang and played the piano. The manager of the station changed her name to Dale Evans. The name was catchy. It stayed with her.

Dale moved to Chicago and then back to Texas. She was hired as an actress and singer. On the set of one of her movies, she met a famous cowboy actor. His name was Roy Rogers. They made many movies as a team. They liked the same things. They became best friends. One year later they were married at the ranch where they made their first movie.

Roy and Dale shared a happy life. They were loved by all of America.

STORY QUESTIONS

1. Why did Frances/Lucille run away?
 - a. She wanted to get married.
 - b. She wanted to get a job.
 - c. She did not like school.
 - d. She always ran away.

2. Which of the following is **NOT** a fact about Dale Evans?
 - a. She had a job at a radio station.
 - b. She went by the name Annie Oakley.
 - c. She played the piano.
 - d. She starred in movies.

3. Dale met Roy Rogers ...

a. at a baseball game.	c. at a park.
b. on a movie set.	d. at the zoo.

4. Roy and Dale were a good match because ...

a. she was a good cook.	c. they liked the same things.
b. he was handsome.	d. people gave them money.



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PATRICK HENRY

“Give me liberty or give me death!” These famous words were spoken by Patrick Henry. His words and life changed America.

Patrick was born on May 29, 1736. He went to school at home. His father, John Henry, was his teacher. Patrick studied math, reading, and writing. He wanted to learn about the laws of the land. He studied on his own. In 1760, he took a test to become a lawyer.

At that time, the Colonies argued with the British. The British wanted to make the laws for the Colonies. They wanted Colonists to pay senseless taxes. In 1777, they went to war.

Patrick Henry believed that the Colonies should be free from British rules and ideas. He made a famous speech for freedom. He asked his friends to fight with him against Britain. Patrick Henry put his life on the line. He spoke those famous words, “Give me liberty or give me death!”

We must be thankful for Patrick’s brave words. Most importantly, we should be thankful for his brave actions.

STORY QUESTIONS

1. Who said, “Give me liberty or give me death!”?
 - a. John Henry
 - b. The Colonies
 - c. Patrick Henry
 - d. The British

2. An **antonym** for the word *senseless* would most likely be . . .

a. pointless.	c. silly.
b. ridiculous.	d. practical.

3. Patrick Henry believed in freedom so much, he was willing to give his . . .

a. family for it.	c. life for it.
b. horse for it.	d. home for it.

4. Why did the Colonists want to be free from British rule?
 - a. They were upset about the taxes, lies, and broken promises.
 - b. They were upset about bad tea, angry fights, and mean words.
 - c. They were upset about oceans, clothes, and guns.
 - d. They were upset about animals, weapons, and fighting.



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BETSY ROSS

Seamstress. Designer. Businesswoman. Mother of seven. Quaker. How are these words all alike? They all describe Betsy Ross.

It is said that Betsy made the first flag, but we may never know for sure. We know that she sat on the bench in church with George Washington. She sewed buttons on his coats. She was the niece of George Ross, one of the men who signed the Declaration of Independence. Betsy also had a large sewing business in her town.

Betsy changed the original design of the flag. She made a better size and shape for the stars. She felt the stars should be in a circle. Each one should have five points, not six. The first flag had 13 stars in a circle for the 13 Colonies. Today there are 50 states and fifty stars. The colors and meaning of the flag have stayed the same. It is our symbol to the world. When people see our flag, they think of America. Hopefully, many people also think of the famous American who made it.

STORY QUESTIONS

1. What changes did Betsy make before sewing the flag?
 - a. size, shape, and colors
 - b. color and shape
 - c. shape of the stars
 - d. meaning, stitches, and the name of the flag
2. *Seamstress* most likely means ...
 - a. nibble on seams.
 - b. design stars.
 - c. fly flags.
 - d. make dresses.
3. Which statement is **NOT** written about Betsy Ross?
 - a. She had seven children.
 - b. She was a mean, nasty woman.
 - c. She sewed buttons onto George Washington's coats.
 - d. She was a designer.
4. According to the passage, the American flag is our ...
 - a. color.
 - b. bird.
 - c. symbol.
 - d. signal.