



The story of Mae Jemison

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Background information on Mae Jemison



- Born Oct 17,1956 in Decatur, Alabama
- She had two siblings one brother and one sister
- She retired March 1993
- Now she talks to people about her story and how she overcame her struggles.
- She has her own company

Why she wanted to be a Astronaut?

At a very young age she always wanted to become a astronaut because of the show star trek she saw and african women go into space in the show but knew there was not any in reality so she made her dream to be the first black women in space.



The people not accepting her dreams

Although the her parents and her family believed her not people form the outside world did when Mae told people her dream people laughed at her one teacher told her she just be a nurse and forget about her dream. She later goes on to stanford and gets her degree in chemical engineering



The first job

Mae didn't get her Astronaut job right away she worked in LA as a practitioner she interned at Los Angeles County/University of Southern California Medical Center and later worked as a general practitioner. For the next two and a half years, she was the area Peace Corps medical officer for Sierra Leone and Liberia where she also taught and did medical research. In 1986 as she was working she made a comment was this "anyone who tried to claim that women could and should not work as astronauts were nonsensical" (Biography.com Editors 1)



The biggest carrer change

Mae finally does it she applies for the astronaut program and got accepted she said when she finished up work that day and went to aerobic class she sat down watching her fav show which was star trek.





The Astronaut program

Mae was ready she trained for a year in the astronaut program and was ready to take flight earning the title of science mission specialist — “a job that would make her responsible for conducting crew-related scientific experiments on the space shuttle.”(Biography.com Editors 1)



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Ready to Takeoff

Mae was about to go into space on september 12th 1992 living out her dream she told us that when she was sitting in that seat she said this When I sat in the space shuttle waiting for launch, a great, huge grin came across my face.(wikipedia 1)



The life in space

Mae was in space for 8 days studying her partners up in space with her and studying the weightlessness and motion sickness on her partners she also spent time in space making notes on how women should could contribute if given the opportunity.



The life after space

Mae left the astronaut corps in March 1993, Jemison accepted a teaching fellowship at Dartmouth. She also established the Jemison Group, a company that seeks to research, develop and market advanced technologies.



Honors

several honorary doctorates, the 1988 Essence Science and Technology Award, the Ebony Black Achievement Award in 1992 and a Montgomery Fellowship from Dartmouth College in 1993. She was also named Gamma Sigma Gamma Woman of the Year in 1990. In 1992, the Mae C. Jemison Academy, an alternative public school in Detroit, Michigan, was named after her.



How does this tie into our course content

This ties back to our course content because it shows what women are capable of and what they can do with an opportunity. It also tells us when you educate yourself and push yourself you are unstoppable for the content of education and miseducation it is telling us about what you can do when you educate yourself and don't rely on the professors and the teachers to rely on the library and the experiences you had that what it means to educate yourself.





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