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#### Mae Jemison

Mae Jemison was born in Decatur, Alabama. On her first day of kindergarten, Mae's teacher asked what she wanted to be when she grew up. "A scientist," she said. She became a doctor and worked in Africa for many years. Then Mae decided that she wanted to become an astronaut. She was accepted into NASA's astronaut program. (NASA stands for National Aeronautics and Space Administration.) In 1992, Mae became the first African American woman to travel in space—on the Space Shuttle Endeavour. "I felt like I belonged right there in space," she said.

#### Huy Tran

Huy Tran grew up in a small village in a country called Vietnam. In 1969, she was 6 years old. There were very few televisions where she lived, but on the night when astronauts first landed on the Moon, a large crowd gathered to watch the event on a tiny black-and-white TV on someone's front porch. Huy was too small to see the TV from the back of the crowd—so she climbed a mango tree to get a better view. "I watched the people in the control room celebrate and wished that I could be one of them," she says. Many years later, her family moved to the United States—and she went to work for NASA as a materials engineer, testing tiles that would be used on the Space Shuttle. Her childhood dream came true!



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