Mae Jemison: Space Star

Mae Jemison was a brave and famous woman who fulfilled her dream of going to space. Jemison was born on 17th October 1956, in Alabama, America. On 12th September 1992, she went aboard the spaceship *Endeavour*. She was the first African-American woman to go into outer space.

Mae Jemison grew up in Chicago, America. At school, Mae was interested in history and space. Luckily her parents supported those interests. Amazingly Mae graduated from high school at only 16 years old! Then she went to Stanford University. Later, she went to Cornell University. Mae was known for always working very hard.

In 1981, Mae got a job at NASA. After years of hard work, she finally became an astronaut in 1988. She went to space in 1992. Mae won an award for this space exploration.

Mae Jamison is inspirational because she encourages young women and girls to study science and follow our dreams.