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First American Woman in Space

Read the short biography below and answer the questions that follow.

Sally Ride (1951–2012)

Sally Ride was a scientist and an athlete who loved tennis.

In 1983, she became the first American woman to fly into space!

She traveled on a space shuttle called Challenger.

While in orbit, she used a giant robot arm to help put satellites into space.

After her trip, she spent her life teaching kids—especially girls—that they could be anything they wanted to be, from astronauts to engineers.

1. What was the name of the space shuttle Sally Ride traveled on?

2. Besides being an astronaut, what was another interest Sally had?

3. Why do you think Sally Ride is an important figure in history?

4. What specific task did Sally Ride perform while in orbit using a giant robot arm?
