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# THE FIRST WOMEN IN SPACE

In 1983, **Sally Ride** became the first American woman to travel into space. She loved science and math when she was a child. She worked very hard in school and later became a physicist.

Sally Ride joined **NASA** in 1978. At that time, NASA had just started allowing women to train as astronauts. She flew on the Space Shuttle Challenger and helped operate a robotic arm in space.

Sally Ride believed that girls should be encouraged to study science and follow their dreams. After retiring from NASA, she started programs to support young students who were interested in science.

Today, Sally Ride is remembered as a hero who helped open doors for women in space exploration.

1. In what year did Sally Ride travel into space?

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2. What subjects did Sally Ride enjoy when she was a child?

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3. When did Sally Ride join NASA?

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4. What did Sally Ride do on the Space Shuttle Challenger?

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5. What did Sally Ride do after she retired from NASA?

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