



***Mae Jemison was born October 17, 1956 in Alabama. She was interested in space from a young age. A very intelligent girl, she graduated high school at the age of 16. She then earned a degree in chemical engineering from Stanford. This was followed by a doctorate from Cornell. After college, Mae joined the Peace Corps. After that, she followed her life-long dream and joined NASA's astronaut training program in 1987. THIS MADE HER THE FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN WOMAN ASTRONAUT.***



***In 1992, she flew into space aboard the shuttle Endeavour, making her the FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN WOMAN IN SPACE!***

***In the picture above, you see Mae on the shuttle in space. How does this picture relate to what you know about GRAVITY? Post your thoughts in the THINK SPACE at this center.***