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Sally Ride: The Trailblazing Astronaut

Open-Ended Response Questions

1. Discuss Sally Ride's historic achievement as the first American woman in space during the STS-7 mission in 1983. How did her journey inspire gender equality and motivate girls and women to pursue careers in STEM fields?
2. Describe the challenges Sally Ride encountered as an astronaut and a pioneer in space exploration. How did she overcome these challenges, and what qualities made her successful in her career?
3. Explain the significance of Sally Ride in the context of American history and women's contributions to space exploration. How has her legacy continued to impact STEM education and opportunities for girls and women?
4. Explore the mission and goals of the Sally Ride Science organization. How does it carry forward Sally Ride's commitment to STEM education and inspiring the next generation of scientists and engineers?

