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Sally Ride: The Trailblazing Astronaut

Short Answer Key

1. Sally Ride's groundbreaking achievement in 1983 was becoming the first American woman in space as part of the STS-7 mission on the Space Shuttle Challenger.
2. Sally Ride faced challenges as an astronaut, including overcoming stereotypes and prejudices about women in space. She also had to undergo rigorous training and adapt to the physical and mental demands of space travel.
3. Sally Ride is considered significant in history because she shattered gender barriers by becoming the first American woman in space, inspiring gender equality, and motivating girls and women to pursue careers in STEM fields.
4. The mission of the Sally Ride Science organization is to promote STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) education and inspire young girls to pursue scientific careers. It continues Sally Ride's legacy by encouraging and supporting the next generation of scientists and engineers.
5. Sally Ride pursued degrees in physics and astrophysics during her education.

