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Alan Shepard: The First American in Space

Open-Ended Response Questions

1. Discuss the role of Alan Shepard in kickstarting America's journey into space and the significance of his suborbital flight aboard Freedom 7.
2. Imagine you had the opportunity to meet Alan Shepard. What questions would you ask him about his experiences in space and his contributions to space exploration and education?
3. Reflect on the importance of Alan Shepard's advocacy for space exploration and science education. Why do you think it is crucial to inspire and educate future generations about the wonders of space and the possibilities of a career in STEM?
4. In your opinion, what qualities and experiences from Alan Shepard's life and career contributed to his success as an astronaut and his lasting impact on space exploration?

