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## Alan Shepard: The First American in Space

### Short Answer Key

1. During his historic mission aboard Freedom 7, Alan Shepard completed a suborbital flight, reaching a maximum altitude of 116 miles.
2. Alan Shepard's experience as a fighter pilot honed his piloting skills and prepared him for the challenges of space exploration by providing hands-on experience in high-stress aviation situations.
3. Being one of the "Mercury Seven" astronauts signified Alan Shepard's selection as part of the first group of American astronauts chosen by NASA for the Mercury program, which aimed to send humans into space.
4. During the Apollo 14 mission, Alan Shepard became the fifth person to walk on the Moon.
5. Alan Shepard's legacy continues to impact space exploration and education today through the Alan Shepard Foundation, which supports educational initiatives and programs encouraging young people to pursue careers in science and technology.

