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Katherine Johnson: The Mathematician Who Helped NASA Reach Space

Short Answer Key

1. She loved math and problem-solving.
2. Because she was an African American woman, many science jobs were not open to her at the time.
3. She helped calculate the flight path for John Glenn's orbit around Earth.
4. The Presidential Medal of Freedom.
5. She proved that intelligence, hard work, and courage can help break barriers in science.

