

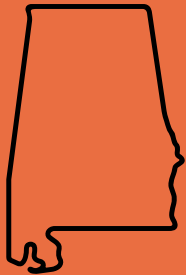
# Mae C. Jemison

USA, 1956



## Early Life

Mae Jemison was born and raised for 3 years in Decatur, Alabama. When she was 3 and a half, Mae and her family moved to Chicago, Illinois. Mae's parents took her to libraries in her early life, and once she learned to read, she read all kinds of science books. She also loved to dance. When she was older, she worked on science projects a lot.



From Alabama,  
USA

## Education

In her elementary years Mae loved science a lot. Mae passed all of her science classes by a lot and even participated in musical theatre. Mae created science projects focusing on the evolution of life on earth. Mae also enjoyed visiting the Adler Planetarium in Chicago. She was fascinated with the stars in the perspective of the southern hemisphere and the view of the sky from thousands of years ago.



## Field Contributions

When working in NASA Mae learned and did many things. Mae was the first African-American woman to ever go to space. She earned many special honours including the National Achievement Scholarship (1973-1977) and the Elizabeth Blackwell Medal (2015).

## Facts

- Mae now runs a medical technology company called BioSentient Corp.
- Mae began university at Stanford University when she was only 16.
- Mae is afraid of heights, however, that didn't stop her from going to space.



## Unique Circumstances

Mae C. Jemison was a woman of colour in the United States and so, it was hard for her to gain respect. When Mae C. Jemison was in school, very few kids in the entire school were black. She had a tough time gaining respect from her teachers and peers. However, today Mae has gained way more respect from adults, kids, and her peers, making her an amazing example in life.