

Women in Space

SPACE HISTORY CHALLENGE™

- Who was the first American woman to fly into space?
 - Sally Ride
 - Mae Jemison
 - Ellen Ochoa
- Who was the first woman to fly in space?
 - Valentina Tereshkova
 - Yelena V. Kondakova
 - Liu Yang
- How much time passed between when the first Soviet woman flew into space and the first American woman?
 - 18 months
 - 7 years
 - 20 years
- Who was the first woman to hold the title of commander of a US space mission?
 - Kathryn Thornton
 - Susan Still Kilrain
 - Eileen Collins
- What woman led the first repair team for the *Hubble Space Telescope*?
 - Kathryn Sullivan
 - Sunita Williams
 - Pamela Melroy
- How many women flew during the Space Shuttle program?
 - 17
 - 32
 - 48
- Who was the first female commander of the *International Space Station*?
 - Nicole Stott
 - Peggy Whitson
 - Christina Koch
- What do Bonnie Dunbar, Susan Helms, Marsha Ivins, Tamara Jernigan, Shannon Lucid, and Janice Voss have in common?
 - They were in the same NASA astronaut class
 - Each flew on five Shuttle missions
 - They were all mechanical engineers
- Who was the first mother in space?
 - Anna Lee Fisher
 - Wendy Lawrence
 - Margaret Rhea Seddon
- What did Christina Koch and Jessica Meir do on 18 October 2019?
 - Manually docked their spacecraft to the *International Space Station*
 - Performed surgery in space
 - Engaged in the first all-female EVA

Answers:

- (A) Jemison was the first African American woman and Ochoa, the first Hispanic woman.
- (A) Yang was the first Chinese woman in space (*Shenzhou 9*, 2012). Kondakova was the first woman to fly on two different spacecraft.
- (C)
- (C) Still Kilrain was the second woman to pilot the Space Shuttle (after Collins).
- (A)
- (C) Some flew multiple times.
- (B) *ISS Expedition 16*
- (B)
- (A)
- (C) *ISS Expedition 61*

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