



Biography Sample Paper

Name _____ Date _____

The writer includes the name of the person he or she is writing about.

Mae Jemison: Space Star

The writer explains whom the biography is about and what that person is known for.

Have you ever dreamed of flying freely through outer space, surrounded by a sea of stars? Mae Jemison fulfilled that dream. On September 12, 1992, aboard the spaceship *Endeavour*, she became the first African-American woman to blast into outer space. This wasn't the only time, however, that Jemison had reached for the stars and realized her dreams.

The writer uses Jemison's education as an example to show how she worked hard to achieve her goals.

Jemison was born on October 17, 1956, in Decatur, but she grew up in Chicago, Illinois. There weren't many known African-American female role models while Jemison growing up, but she didn't let that stop her from achieving goals. She was especially interested in anthropology, and astronomy. Luckily, her parents encouraged those interests. That encouragement drove her to excel. She graduated from school at 16! Then she earned degrees in chemical and African-American studies at Stanford University. Later, graduated from Cornell University's medical school. No was too great for Jemison to take on.