Comprehension – Mae Jemison

1. Scan over the text looking for unusual words/phrases, dates and numbers. Also look out for anything written in a different font (italics) or in brackets.
2. Try to get a ‘feel’ for what is in each paragraph – what is the main theme?

Answering questions

Look for key words/phrases etc in the question and try to find these same words or similar ones in the text to help you find the answers quickly. Read the text before and after these key words.

1. When did the *Endeavour* blast off into space? ……………………………………………………………………..
2. Why is Mae the ‘first’? ………………………………………………………………………………………………………….
3. What do you think ‘fulfilled’ means in the phrase, ‘fulfilled her dream’? ………………………………
4. Did Mae grow up in the place where she was born? Explain your answer fully …………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………
5. What might have stopped Mae from ‘achieving her goals’ as she was growing up? ………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………
6. What is the name for the study of mankind?
7. Why do you think there is an exclamation mark (!) after the sentence, ‘She graduated from high school at only 16’? …………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………
8. How long did it take Mae to become an astronaut? ………………………………………………………..
9. How has Mae put something back into society? …………………………………………………………………
10. What can we learn from Mae’s life? ……………………………………………………………………………………