Discussion Questions
Meet Four Pioneering African American Astronauts

1. How did the astronaut’s backgrounds prepare them for their intensive training and space experiences?

2. Assume that you are an astronaut instructor training Ronald McNair, Michael Anderson, Guion S. Bluford, or Jeanette J. Epps. What advice would you give them?

3. All four astronauts have a background in physics or a closely related field. What other careers can you think of for which physics might prepare you well?

4. Compare and contrast this group of astronauts. What do they have in common? What makes each of them different?