



Editing Exercises

Read the following excerpts of passages taken from Dominion's Strong Men & Women: Excellence in Leadership Series online at www.dom.com keyword "strong." Edit the passages for common errors regarding grammar, usage and mechanics. To read the passage in its entirety, visit the Strong Men & Women section of Dominion's Web site.

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In the 1960's, when the Gemini and Apollo space flights occurred, a small girl in Chicago watched in awe, saying softly to herself "I want to do that.

This thoughtful child did not stop to reflect upon being a female and an African American or about the odds against her becoming an astronaut. Mae Jemison steadfastly believed this was her destiny.

She realized education was her pathway to the stars and with her parent's support, she could accomplish her mission. She prepared herself by reading books on astronomy and other sciences and she devoured science fiction as well. Her feet were planted firmly on the ground but she was reaching for the stars.

In 1987, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) selected Jemison for the Astronaut Corps. On September 12, 1992 she blasted into orbit aboard the space shuttle Endeavor. As chief researcher on that seven-day mission, her main task was to study bone tissue during the period of weightlessness.