

## ScienceWorks Spotlight

Katherine Johnson was a very talented African American mathematician. After she graduated college at only 18 she went to work for NASA. She was responsible for analyzing the flight trajectory of the mission Freedom 7 which sent the first American to space!

Even after NASA shifted to computers, astronaut John Glenn was skeptical and trusted Johnson to make the correct calculations. Before the Friendship 7 launch, Glenn said, "If she says they're good, then I'm ready to go."

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