

# Edward White

The first American astronaut to walk in space!



## Who Was He and What Did He Do?

- Edward was born in 1930, in the USA.
- He flew with a fighter squadron in Germany.
- He was an experimental test pilot.
- He flew the Gemini 4 for NASA.

## Did you know?

He did more than 3000 hours of flying!



## What Is He Remembered For?

- Edward walked in space for 21 minutes.
- He was the first American man to control himself in space outside the spacecraft.
- He earned many awards.
- He was described as a brave man.
- Edward died in the Apollo spacecraft fire in 1967, at only 36 years old.

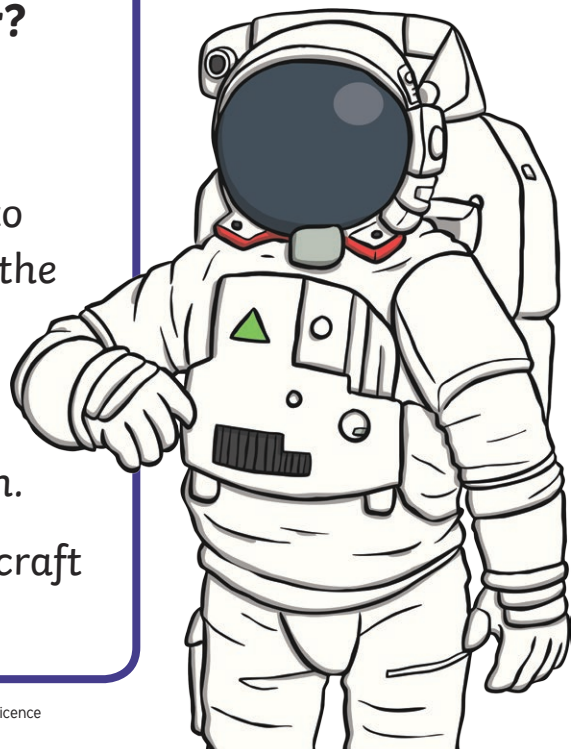


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USA

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Apollo 13

Twinkl 1

Gemini 4

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He completed more than 3000 hours flying time!

## What Were His Big Achievements?

Edward was selected by NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) to join them as an astronaut. He became a pilot of Gemini 4 for a 4-day mission in 1965. During the mission, he went outside the spacecraft for 21 minutes; becoming the first American man to control himself in space outside the spacecraft. He earned many awards, including the NASA Exceptional Service Medal.

## What Is He Remembered For?

Edward White is remembered for being the first American to walk in space! His conversation with McDivitt was well remembered, including, "I'm coming back in... and it's the saddest moment of my life." Edward White died in the Apollo spacecraft fire in 1967 at the NASA Kennedy Space Center, USA, at only 36 years old.

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Science

Maths

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Germany

Florida, USA

Texas, USA

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Not a Space Astronaut

Nice American Space Animal

National Aeronautics and Space Administration

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## What Is He Remembered For?

Edward White is remembered for being the first American to walk in space! He was a brave man and only one other astronaut had ever walked in space before him. Some very memorable quotes came from White and McDivitt's conversation during that mission, for example, "I'm coming back in... and it's the saddest moment of my life." Edward White sadly died in the Apollo spacecraft fire in 1967, at the NASA Kennedy Space Center, USA. He was only 36 years old.

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He was on the spacecraft with Alexey Leonov.

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5. Complete the sentence.

During the \_\_\_\_\_, he went outside the \_\_\_\_\_ spacecraft for \_\_\_\_\_; becoming the first man in the United States-manned space flight program to \_\_\_\_\_.

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**Children's own responses.**