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00:00:10,390 --> 00:00:07,829
48 years ago on february 20th 1962

2
00:00:12,470 --> 00:00:10,400
nasa astronaut john glenn became the

3
00:00:14,629 --> 00:00:12,480
first american to orbit the earth when

4
00:00:24,150 --> 00:00:14,639
an atlas rocket successfully carried his

5
00:00:28,390 --> 00:00:25,830
glenn's three orbits of the planet

6
00:00:30,630 --> 00:00:28,400
ushered in a new era in space travel

7
00:00:33,990 --> 00:00:30,640
paving the way for the apollo astronauts

8
00:00:38,790 --> 00:00:36,150
glenn was one of seven men chosen by

9
00:00:41,670 --> 00:00:38,800
nasa in 1959 to become the nation's

10
00:00:42,950 --> 00:00:41,680
first astronauts in its new human space

11
00:00:45,029 --> 00:00:42,960
flight program

12
00:00:47,029 --> 00:00:45,039
the other mercury seven astronauts were

13
00:00:47,990 --> 00:00:47,039

ellen b shepherd the first american in

14

00:00:51,270 --> 00:00:48,000

space

15

00:00:54,869 --> 00:00:51,280

virgil gus grissom scott carpenter wally

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00:00:57,110 --> 00:00:54,879

shara gordon cooper and deke slayton

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00:01:00,229 --> 00:00:57,120

all but slayton was grounded by a heart

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00:01:03,110 --> 00:01:00,239

condition would fly a mercury mission

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00:01:06,070 --> 00:01:03,120

slayton finally made it to space in 1975

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00:01:08,070 --> 00:01:06,080

on the apollo soyuz test project

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00:01:10,149 --> 00:01:08,080

glenn and carpenter are the only