



### Read Aloud Lesson based on the book

## *Sonia Sotomayor: A Judge Grows in the Bronx*

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*This book tells the incredible true story of Sonia Sotomayor: the first Latin-American Supreme Court Justice. Sonia does not have an easy life and faces many challenges growing up. But with her big dreams and endless determination, as well as support from her family and people who see the best in her, she achieves incredible things. Listen to this book to see what makes Judge Sotomayor such a special judge. After reading or listening to **Sonia Sotomayor: A Judge Grows in the Bronx** (check YouTube for a read aloud), answer and reflect on the questions below.*

1. After reading this story, what do you think some of Judge Sotomayor's greatest strengths were? Do you share any strengths with Judge Sotomayor?
2. What about Judge Sotomayor's life made her such an excellent judge? What experiences and viewpoints did she have that other judges did not?
3. Even though there are many Latin-American people living in the United States, before Judge Sotomayor was nominated, there were no Latin-American judges on the Supreme Court. Do you think it is important for judges to be representative of the people they judge? Why or why not?

4. When Judge Sotomayor was confirmed to the Supreme Court, who did she thank in her speech? Can you think of any people in your life who work hard to support your dreams? What are some ways you can thank them?
5. Do you think that you could ever grow up to be a judge? Why or why not? Would you have answered differently before you read this story? What do you think would be the hardest thing about being a judge? What about the easiest?

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