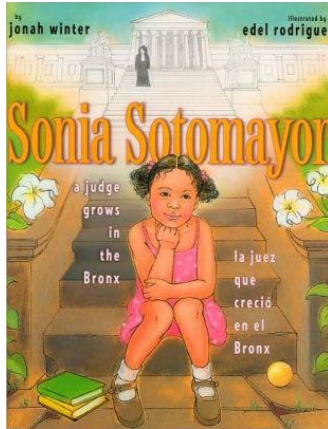


A Judge Grows in the Bronx



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This book tells the incredible true story of Sonia Sotomayor: the first Latin-American Supreme Court Justice. Sonia did not have an easy life as a child and faced many challenges growing up. But with big dreams and endless determination, as well as support from her family and people who saw the best in her, she achieved incredible things. Listen to this read aloud to gain insight into what makes Judge Sotomayor so special.

Before the Read Aloud:

What personality or character traits would you suggest a child might need in order to be a judge when they grow up? Do you feel like you could become a judge? Why or why not?

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During the Read Aloud:

1. What do you think 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 viewpoints and perspectives made her stand out as a judge? Explain your answer.
3. Even though there are many Latin-American people living in the United States, there were no Latin-American judges on the Supreme Court before Judge Sotomayor was nominated. Do you think it is important for judges to be representative of the races/cultures of the people they judge? Why or why not?

Take Action Project:

Who did Judge Sotomayor thank in her Supreme Court confirmation 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?

Write or draw a thank you to those you can thank right now for making you the student, friend, family member, and citizen you are.

Or

Create an advertisement - detail the character and personality traits a great lawyer should have in order to be a judge.



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