

# **Just Help! How to Build a Better World**



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**In Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor’s book, *Just Help! How to Build a Better World*, we are introduced to several kids, including a young Sonia, who do just that. After you read or listen to the story (several read alouds for this book are available on YOUTUBE), use the following questions to have a meaningful conversation about how to be a good citizen.**

## **During the Read Aloud:**

1. What do you think are the characteristics of good citizens?
2. Are there any projects in your community that you have worked on? What were they?  
Please describe the ways in which you were involved in the project. Be prepared to share.

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3. “Your vote is your voice.” Do you agree with this statement? Why or why not?

## **Take Action Project:**

Think of a problem in your community that you would like fixed. Then make a list of ways you could get others involved to help you find a solution.

