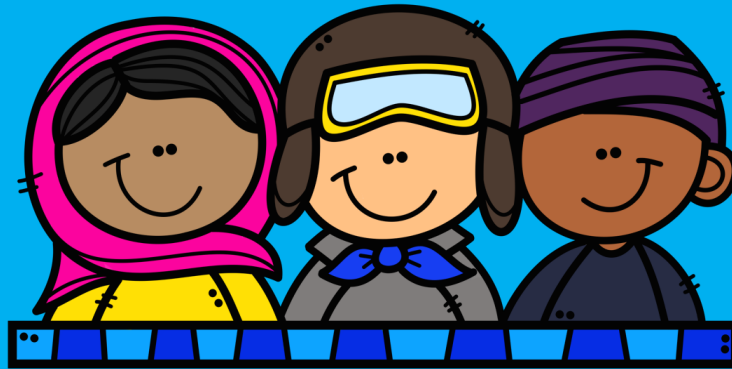


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Sonia's Early Life

Sonia was born in New York City in 1954. Sonia's family came from Puerto Rico and she grew up speaking Spanish. Her mother was a nurse and her father worked in a factory. When Sonia was a child, her father passed away. Sonia's mother was left alone.



Sonia's mother worked hard to feed and educate her children. Her mother believed that Sonia must get an education to have a better life. Her mother forced Sonia to learn English and study hard in school.

Life as a Lawyer

Sonia's mother wanted her to do well in school, and because of this, Sonia went to one of the best colleges in the country. Sonia attended Yale Law school and learned how to become a lawyer. After she graduated she worked in New York City.



Sonia was a prosecutor, which means that she tried to prove that a person was guilty. She was so good at her job that she actually became a judge! As a judge, she was in control of the court room. During this time she volunteered for school groups to help other girls get a better education.

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Her Greatest Accomplishment

In 2009, President Obama gave Sonia a big honor. He named her a Supreme Court Justice. The Supreme Court is the most powerful court in the U.S. They decide whether laws are fair or not. Sonia was the first Hispanic Supreme Court Judge. She is also only the third female Supreme Court Judge.



Now, Justice Sonia decides whether the laws of our land are fair. She understands what life is like for children who grow up poor. She can not influence laws to help people.



Why We Remember HER-Story

Sonia's story shows us that you can do anything that you put your mind to. She worked hard and got a good education. She is an example that women can be lawyers and judges. For a long time, only men held these jobs. Before her, there were not many Hispanic people working in the government, but she has inspired men and women to dream big. Her story shows us anything is possible if you're willing to work for it.

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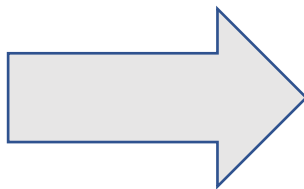
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EFFECT



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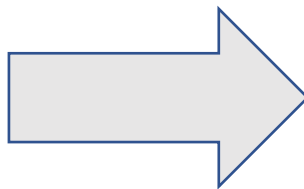
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DISCUSSION PROMPTS:

1. HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE SONIA'S EARLY LIFE?

2. DO YOU HAVE ANY CONNECTIONS TO HER OR HER LIFE?

3. WHY DO YOU THINK SONIA BECAME A LAWYER?

4. WHAT DO YOU THINK WE SHOULD REMEMBER MOST ABOUT SONIA SOTOMAYOR?

5. WHAT LESSON CAN WE LEARN FROM HER AMAZING LIFE?

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