



Book Study:

SONIA SOTOMAYOR

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June 25, 1954

Sonia Sotomayor was born in New York City.

1963

Sonia Sotomayor was diagnosed with diabetes. She had to take insulin shots everyday to stay healthy.

1961

Sonia Sotomayor was diagnosed with diabetes. She had to take insulin shots everyday to stay healthy.

1963

Sonia Sotomayor's dad dies of heart disease.

1972

Sonia Sotomayor graduated from Cardinal Spellman in The Bronx.

1976

Sonia Sotomayor graduated from Princeton University.

1979

Sonia Sotomayor graduated from Yale Law School.

1979

After graduation, Sonia Sotomayor worked as a lawyer for New York City.

1984

Sonia Sotomayor worked as a lawyer at a small law firm.

November 1991

President Bush
nominated Sonia
Sotomayor to be a
federal judge.

August 11, 1992

The senate voted to
confirm Sonia Sotomayor
as a federal judge.

October 2, 1998

The senate confirmed
Sonia Sotomayor as a
judge for the U.S. Court
of Appeals.

August 6, 2009

Sonia Sotomayor became a
Supreme Court Justice.

Name: _____

The Life of Sonia Sotomayor

Create a timeline. Research to find 7 events that you feel are an important part of Sonya Sotomayor's life. You will need to write the dates on the timeline and then write about the event in the box.



1.

4.

7.

3.

6.

2.

5.

Name: _____

What I've learned about Sonia Sotomayor's Childhood

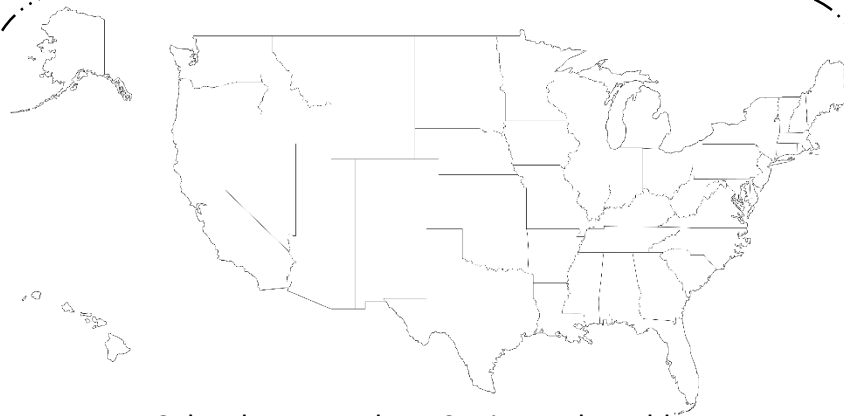
Find facts and complete the graphic organizer. You will need to use the book and research on-line to find the answers.

Sonia Sotomayor was born in

(place)

Birth date: _____

What are two facts you learned about Sonia's parents?



Color the state where Sonia was born blue.
Color the state where you live red.

What is one challenge Sonia
overcame as a child to be able to
attend college?

intelligent

courageous

hard worker

trailblazer

goal setter

disciplined

determined

cooperative

ambitious

Name: _____

Supporting Your Beliefs

Use the book to complete the graphic organizer.

One word
that can
describe
Sonia is:

Share three events or ideas from the book that support your word.

Name: _____

Title: _____

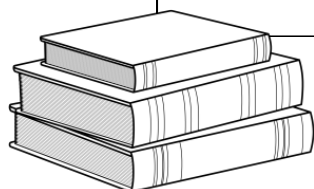
Author: _____

Making Connections

Text-to-World Connection

something from the text something from the world

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Name: _____

Title: _____

Author: _____

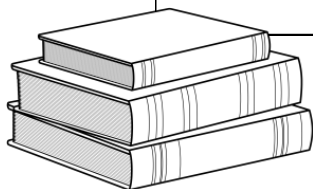
Making Connections

Text-to-Self Connection

something from the text

something from my life

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Name: _____

Thinking about Sonia

What do you know about the supreme court?	SCHEMA
Share how you felt as you read pages 8 through 11, what you saw in your head & questions you have.	THINKING
Share what connections you can make to the reading. (It might be about your family, summer or baseball.)	CONNECTIONS
Share how your thinking has changed or what you understand now that you did not before. Or, share how what you have read has made you feel.	SYNTHESIZING

Name: _____

Problem & Solution

A problem Sonia faced:

This is what the text told
me about the problem:

This is what the text told me
about the solution.



Sonia Sotomayor

Share three words that you would use to describe Sonia Sotomayor's childhood.

Katherine's mother used to say to her:

Education is the key to
everything in the
world.

Page 10 What is a skill you have? What can you do to become better at that skill?

Page 3

What is an obstacle Sonia had to overcome?

Page 4 Use pictures to show something Sonia's mom did to help her learn about the importance of education.

Page 9

Sonia had to work very hard.

Share two examples in the book that show she worked hard to reach her goal.

Working Hard to Be Successful

Page 8 Use words and pictures to show what you think Sonia's biggest accomplishment has been.

Page 5 Sonia says her mom told her that education was the key to everything in the world.
What do you think this means?

Family

Use pictures to show your answers.

Page 7 Sonia has overcome many obstacles. Share two obstacles she worked to overcome.

Overcoming Obstacles

Sonia

Sotomayor

was

born

in

New York
City

on

June 25,
1954

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Sonia

Sotomayor

became

a

Supreme
Court

justice

in

August
2009

.

Sonia's

mom

taught

her

children

to work

hard

in school

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How

was

Sonia

different

from

many

classmates

at
Princeton

?

Sonia

attended

Yale

law school

to

become

a

lawyer

.

justice

lawyer

confirm

federal

Hispanic

nominate

scholarship

strike

success

a judge

a person who works
to help people with
matters related to
the law

to approve of

something
related to the
U.S.
government

coming from a
country that
speaks Spanish

to suggest
a person
for a job

when money is
given to a
student to pay
for education

to protest by
stopping work
for a cause

to reach a
goal

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Continue your Learning

Sonia Sotomayor is a Supreme Court justice. Research to find facts to share about the Supreme Court.

The Supreme Court

Name: _____

Continue your Learning

Sonia Sotomayor attended Princeton University. Research to find facts to share about Princeton.

Princeton University

Name: _____

Why do you think Sonia Sotomayor
is considered a role model?



Name: _____

Reading Response

Share something Sonia's mom did that showed she
was determined.

Name: _____

Reading Response

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was determined.

Name: _____

Reading Response

Share evidence that Sonia is a persistent person.

Name: _____

Reading Response

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Name: _____

Reading Response

How do you know that Sonia has a positive attitude?

Name: _____

Reading Response

How do you know that Sonia has a positive attitude?

Name: _____

Reading Response

What has Sonia done that will inspire you in your life?

Name: _____

Reading Response

What has Sonia done that will inspire you in your life?

Name:

3-2-1

The topic is:

3 things I learned

2 questions I have

1 opinion I have

Name:

3-2-1

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3 things I learned

2 questions I have

1 opinion I have

Name: _____

Making Words

Use the letters in the word below to make new words. List all of the real words you think of.

SUPREME COURT

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E

E

O

U

U

C

M

P

R

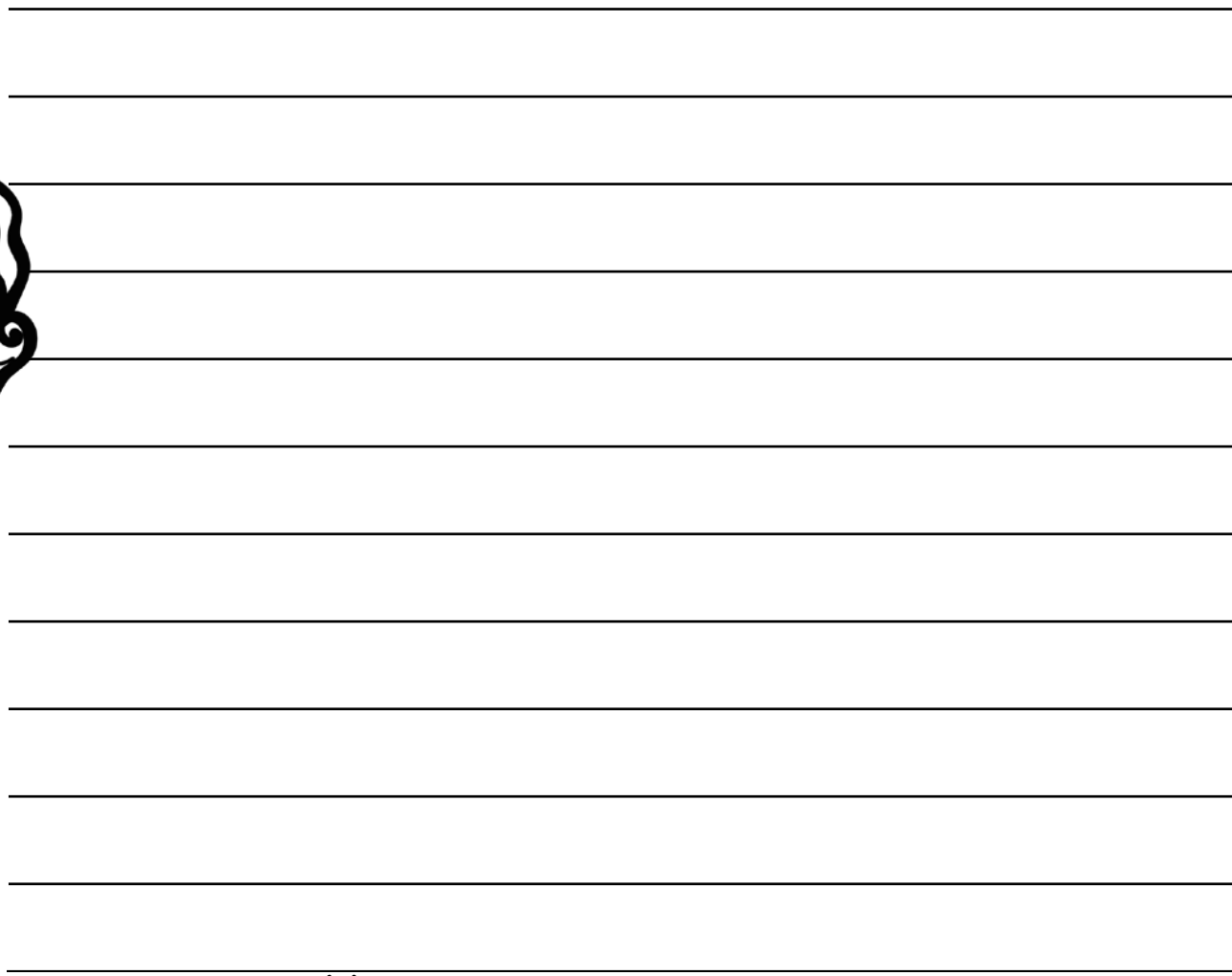
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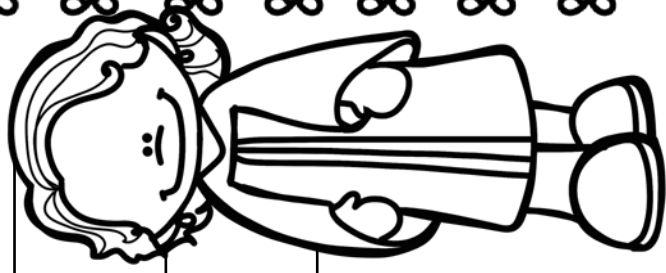
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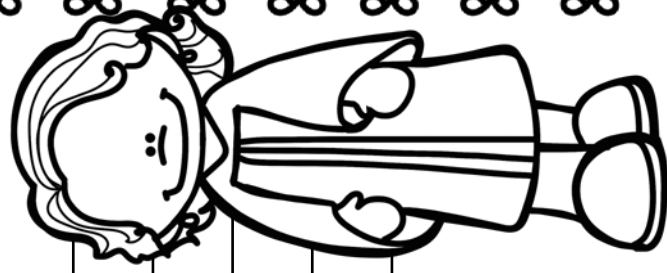


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