



# READING PASSAGES WITH TEXT DEPENDENT QUESTIONS

## SONIA SOTOMAYOR



Our journey through Women's History Month brings us to Sonia Sotomayor, a distinguished jurist who has made history as the first Latina Supreme Court Justice in the United States. Born on June 25, 1954, in The Bronx, New York, Sonia Sotomayor's life and career exemplify the power of education, determination, and breaking down barriers.

Sotomayor's early years were marked by financial struggles and the loss of her father at a young age. Undeterred by adversity, she excelled academically, earning a scholarship to Princeton University. At Princeton, she faced challenges as one of the few Latina but graduated summa cum laude in 1976.

After completing her law degree at Yale Law School, Sotomayor embarked on a legal career marked by a commitment to public service. She served as an assistant district attorney in New York and later worked in private practice. In 1992, President George H.W. Bush appointed her to the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York.

Sonia Sotomayor's groundbreaking moment came in 2009 when President Barack Obama nominated her to the Supreme Court. Confirmed by the Senate, she became the first Latina and the third woman to serve as a Supreme Court Justice. Her jurisprudence is characterized by a pragmatic and inclusive approach, often focusing on issues of civil rights, affirmative action, and criminal justice.

learning about Sonia Sotomayor provides a glimpse into the legal system, the significance of diversity in the judiciary, and the importance of perseverance.

As we honor Women's History Month, Sonia Sotomayor's journey encourages to embrace their unique backgrounds, aspire to educational achievements, and consider the potential for positive change through careers in law and public service.

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### COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

6. When was Sonia Sotomayor appointed to the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York?

- a) 1990
- b) 1992
- c) 2000
- d) 2005

7. Who nominated Sonia Sotomayor to the Supreme Court?

- a) George W. Bush

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4. In which year did Sonia Sotomayor graduate summa cum laude from Princeton University?

- a) 1970
- b) 1976
- c) 1980
- d) 1986

5. What position did Sonia Sotomayor hold after completing her law degree at Yale Law School?

- a) Private practice
- b) U.S. Supreme Court Justice
- c) Assistant district attorney in New York
- d) Professor at Princeton University

### ANSWERS

- 1. b) June 25, 1954
- 2. a) The Bronx, New York
- 3. c) Princeton University
- 4. b) 1976
- 5. a) Assistant district attorney in New York
- 6. b) 1992
- 7. c) Barack Obama
- 8. b) 2009
- 9. d) Civil rights, affirmative action, and criminal justice
- 10. a) Pragmatic and inclusive

# CLOSE READING GRAPHIC ORGANIZERS INCLUDED

**GROUP ACTIVITY**

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WHAT I THINK

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SUPPORTING DETAILS #1

SUPPORTING DETAILS #2

**ANNOTATING MARKS**

- Circle powerful words or phrases.
- Underline words or phrases you do not understand.
- Place a question mark next to words that make you curious.
- Write an exclamation mark next to something that surprises you.

**SUMMARIZE**

Write a summary of the passage. The main idea should be stated in your first sentence. Then use the four details to write four supporting sentences. Close your summary by restating the main idea.

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**VOCABULARY GRAPHIC ORGANIZER**

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