



Women History Month

SANDRA DAY O'CONNOR

Reading Comprehension



COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

6. Sandra Day O'Connor's nomination marked the end of how many years of male justices on the Supreme Court?

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

NAME: _____

DATE: _____

DIRECTIONS: CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER.

1. When was Sandra Day O'Connor born?
- March 26, 1920
 - March 26, 1930
 - March 26, 1940
 - March 26, 1950

2. In which city was Sandra Day O'Connor born?

- Austin, Texas
- Phoenix, Arizona
- El Paso, Texas
- Los Angeles, California

3. Sandra Day O'Connor graduated from which law school?

- Harvard Law School
- Yale Law School
- Stanford Law School
- Columbia Law School

4. In what year was Sandra Day O'Connor appointed to the Supreme Court by President Ronald Reagan?

- 1971
- 1981
- 1991
- 2001

5. What is Sandra Day O'Connor known for?

- Activism
- Judicial restraint
- Political affiliations
- Legislative initiatives

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Continuing our journey through Women's History Month, we focus on Sandra Day O'Connor, a trailblazer in the field of law who shattered gender barriers and made history as the first female justice of the United States Supreme Court. Born on March 26, 1930, in El Paso, Texas, Sandra Day O'Connor's achievements have left an indelible mark on the American legal landscape.

O'Connor's journey to the Supreme Court was marked by numerous milestones. She graduated third in her class from Stanford Law School in 1952, a remarkable feat for a woman at that time. Despite facing gender-based discrimination, O'Connor built a distinguished legal career in private practice, eventually serving as an assistant attorney general in Arizona.

In 1981, Sandra Day O'Connor achieved a historic breakthrough when she was nominated by President Ronald Reagan to the Supreme Court. Her confirmation marked the end of a 19-year history without a female justice. Throughout her tenure on the Court from 1981 to 2006, O'Connor became known for her pragmatic approach, often casting pivotal swing votes in important cases.

One of O'Connor's notable contributions was her focus on consensus-building and a commitment to the principle of judicial restraint. She played a crucial role in shaping decisions on issues ranging from affirmative action to abortion rights, leaving an enduring impact on constitutional law.

Learning about Sandra Day O'Connor's importance of diverse barriers.

As we celebrate Women's History Month, let us remember that Sandra Day O'Connor was not just a woman of the law, but a woman of courage and conviction. Her legacy is a testament to the power of positive change, shaping the legal landscape and inspiring future generations.

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Learning about Sandra Day O'Connor offers insights into the legal system, the importance of diversity in leadership, and the progress made in breaking gender barriers.

As we celebrate Women's History Month, Sandra Day O'Connor's legacy serves as a reminder that determination, intelligence, and courage can pave the way for positive change, shaping the legal landscape and inspiring future generations.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

6. Sandra Day O'Connor's nomination marked the end of how many years without a female Justice on the Supreme Court?

- a) 9 years
- b) 14 years
- c) 191 years
- d) 241 years

7. How long did Sandra Day O'Connor serve on the Supreme Court?

- a) 15 years

ANSWERS

DATE: _____

THE CORRECT ANSWER

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- a) 1971
- b) 1981
- c) 1991
- d) 2001

5. What is Sandra Day O'Connor known for in her approach on the Supreme Court?

- a) Activism
- b) Judicial restraint
- c) Political affiliations
- d) Legislative initiatives

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ANSWERS

- 1. b) March 26, 1930
- 2. c) El Paso, Texas
- 3. c) Stanford Law School
- 4. b) 1981
- 5. b) Judicial restraint
- 6. c) 191 years
- 7. c) 25 years
- 8. a) Consensus-building
- 9. c) Judicial restraint
- 10. c) Affirmative action and abortion rights

READING COMPREHENSION

CLOSE READING GRAPHIC ORGNIZERS INCLUDED

GROUP ACTIVITY

TITLE OF TEXT _____

WHAT I THINK _____

ANNOTATING MARKS

- ✓ Circle powerful words or phrases.
- ✓ Underline words or phrases you do not understand.
- ✓ Place a question mark next to words or phrases you do not understand.
- ✓ Write an explanation of words or phrases you do not understand.

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.

NAME: _____

MAIN IDEA

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TITLE OF TEXT _____

MAIN IDEA _____

SUPPORTING DETAILS #1 _____

SUPPORTING DETAILS #2 _____

SUPPORTING DETAILS #3 _____

VOCABULARY GRAPHIC ORGNIZER

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