

Kid Scoop

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Sonia Sotomayor Supreme Court Justice



Sonia Sotomayor grew up in a very poor neighborhood outside of New York City. But, with big dreams and hard work, she grew up to be one of the nine justices on the Supreme Court – the highest court in the United States of America.

She serves with justices John Roberts, Anthony Kennedy, Clarence Thomas, Ruth Bader Ginsberg, Stephen G. Breyer, Samuel Alito, and Elena Kagen.

Replace the missing words in this article.

SCHOOL HOURS RAISE SACRIFICE OPPORTUNITIES
ENCYCLOPEDIAS NURSE GRADE

A Mother's Love

Sonia's father died when she was nine years old. Sonia's mother had to work hard to _____ her children alone.

Sonia's mother worked long _____ so she could send Sonia and her brother to a private _____.

Sonia's mother had only completed third _____ and she wanted her children to finish school so they could have better _____.

After the children went to bed, Sonia's mother studied to become a _____ so she could afford a better life for her children.

Sonia's mother taught her the importance of hard work, _____ and love.

Sonia's mother wanted her children to do well in school. She saved pennies, nickels and dimes to buy _____ to help her children.

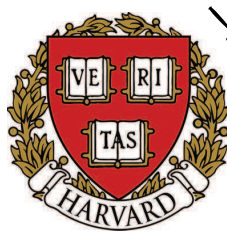
Do the math to see which law school Sonia Sotomayor attended. The answer is an even number.



29 + 16 =



33 + 71 =



55 + 64 =

Big Goals and Dreams

From a young age, Sonia wanted to help people. Because she spoke Spanish at home, she would translate for people at hospitals.

When Sonia decided to become a judge, she knew would have to get good grades, really good grades.

Her hard work paid off. She graduated high school with an award for being the very top student at her school. She was accepted into one of the very best colleges in America: Princeton University. She worked hard there and then got into a top law school.



Read! Read! Read!

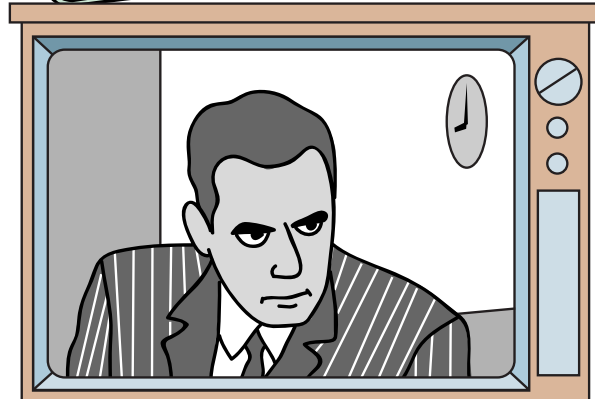
As a child, Sonia loved to read! She read her school books, library books and the encyclopedias her mother bought. But her favorite books were Nancy Drew mysteries.

Nancy Drew is a girl detective that solves crimes. Sonia wanted to be like her!

Unscramble the titles of these Nancy Drew mysteries. Use the list at right for clues.

- The Hidden Staircase
- The Secret of the Old Clock
- The Sky Phantom
- The Clue in the Diary
- The Haunted Bridge
- The Clue of the Black Keys

Judges use a gavel, a small wooden mallet, to quiet courtrooms. How many can you find on this page?



Sonia learned from television as well as books. One of her favorite shows was *Perry Mason*, a show about a lawyer. At first Sonia thought she would like to be a lawyer like Perry Mason. Then as she watched the shows, she saw how the judge was the most powerful. That is what she wanted to be!

Extra! Extra!

If Sonia Lived in My Neighborhood

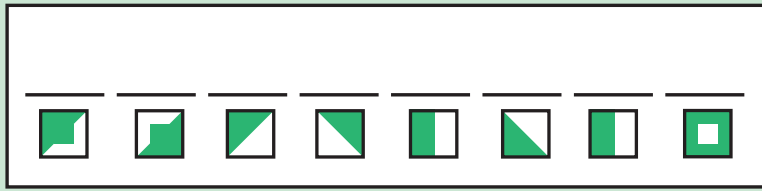
Look through the newspaper for articles that you think would be of interest to Sonia Sotomayor. What do you think she would do to help people in your community?

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Poverty was not Sonia's only challenge growing up. When she was eight years old the doctor told her she had a disease that meant she would need to take shots of medicine every day for the rest of her life.

Use the code to discover the name of this disease.



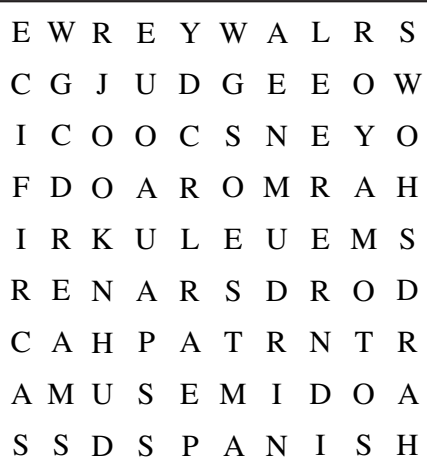
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Double Double Word Search

SOTOMAYOR SACRIFICE SUPREME SPANISH DREAMS LAWYER SONIA COURT ALONE NURSE DIMES JUDGE SHOWS GOALS HARD

Find the words in the puzzle. Then look for each word in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.



Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Supreme Court News

Watch the newspaper for articles about the Supreme Court. Keep a journal with short summaries of the articles. Watch for decisions they are making and discuss these with your friends and family.

Standards Link: Physical Education: Use the newspaper to locate information.

What can you lose that will make an argument even worse?

ANSWER: Your temper.

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