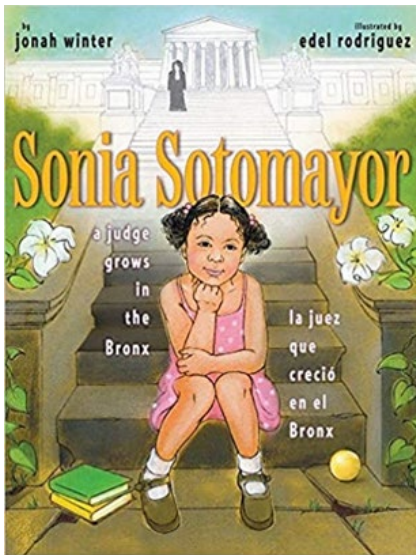


# Sonia Sotomayor: A Judge Grows in the Bronx

## La juez que creció en el Bronx

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**Author:** Jonah Winter, illus. by Melissa Sweet

**Book Summary:** "Before Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor took her seat in our nation's highest court, she was just a little girl in the South Bronx. Justice Sotomayor didn't have a lot growing up, but she had what she needed -- her mother's love, a will to learn, and her own determination. With bravery she became the person she wanted to be. With hard work she succeeded. With little sunlight and only a modest plot from which to grow, Justice Sotomayor bloomed for the whole world to see."

Ages: 4-9

Lexile Rating: 840L

Grades: PK-3

Length: 40 pages

ISBN: 978-1-442-40303-1

**Bilingual Online Read-aloud:** [Jenna Reynolds \(20:55\)](#)

**Lectura en voz alta:** [Mr. Alicea's Arcade of Knowledge \(12:10\)](#)

Washington State Financial Education Standards	Grades K – 2	Grades 3 – 5
SS: Spending & Saving CD: Credit & Debt EI: Employment & Income I: Investing RM: Risk Management & Insurance FD: Financial Decision-Making	EI: Explore job and career options EI: Compare sources of personal income and compensation FD: Make criterion-based financial decisions by systematically considering alternatives and consequences	EI: Explore job and career options EI: Compare sources of personal income and compensation FD: Make criterion-based financial decisions by systematically considering alternatives and consequences
Washington State K-12 SEL Standards & Benchmarks	Self	Social
	Self-Awareness: Benchmark 1A-C Self-Efficacy: Benchmark 3C	Social Awareness: Benchmarks 4A-C Social Management: Benchmark 5B-C Social Engagement: Benchmarks 6A-C

**Resource:** [Reading Group Guide](#) (select from drop down menu)

Summary: Twelve text-dependent questions for post-reading discussion, as well as ideas for extension research and activities.

Grade: 3-5

Source: [Simon & Schuster](#)

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**Resource:** [A Judge Grows in the Bronx Discussion Questions](#)

Summary: Five text-dependent questions for post-reading discussion.

Grade: K-5

Source: [The Rendell Center for Civics & Civic Engagement](#)

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**Lesson:** [Yes, She Can: Justice Sonia Sotomayor](#)

Summary: (30 minutes) Students will demonstrate comprehension by identifying important facts about Sonia Sotomayor and writing about why Justice Sotomayor is unique. [Lesson Plan](#) (English) provides question guide. [Bilingual Lesson Plan](#) (English) describes modifications for emergent bilingual students. Student worksheets available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#).

Grade: 3

Source: [Intercultural Development Research Association/Southern Education Equity Network](#)

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**Additional Washington State Standards:**

- 3rd Grade CCSS ELA: RL.3.1, RI.3.4, W.3.1.A

### Lesson: [Lesson Plan: Justice Sonia Sotomayor](#)

Summary: [Vocabulary](#), exploration, application, and conclusion activities. Students will watch a video of a question-and-answer session in which students were able to submit questions for Justice Sotomayor to answer. Students will fill in a [graphic organizer](#) about her life, and complete a [book cover](#) or [quilt square](#) activity.

Grade: 5-8

Source: [C-SPAN Classroom](#)

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### Lesson: [Nonfiction Author Studies: Jonah Winter](#)

Summary: Jonah Winter has written biographies about Roberto Clemente, Sonia Sotomayor, and Josephine Baker. This resource contains guidance and activities for comparing these individuals and the goals and obstacles they each faced. Students will write a newspaper article about one of these famous figures using an included graphic organizer.

Grade: 1-3

Source: [Simon & Schuster](#)

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#### **Additional Washington State Standards:**

- 1st Grade CCSS ELA: RL.1.4
- 2nd Grade CCSS ELA: RL.2.4

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