



# DREAM BIG!

ARTS ENRICHMENT PROGRAM



VIDEO 1

A Dream Big Read Aloud

**Sonia Sotomayor:  
A Judge Grows in the Bronx**

By Jonah Winter

Illustrated by Edel Rodriguez

# Caregiver Resource Guide

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### **Program Description**

The overall theme of Dream Big: Awesomely You, Cool Together is about celebrating the diversity, perseverance, and uniqueness within all of us, the similarities we all share, and the magnificent potential we have as a group when we are together dreaming big.

### **Video Description**

Join Bronx Children’s Museum Program Manager Dejá Santiago as she introduces Sonia Sotomayor, Bronx native and U.S. Associate Supreme Court Justice. Dejá will talk about the Justice’s life and read the book *Sonia Sotomayor: A Judge Grows in the Bronx* by Jonah Winter, illustrated by Edel Rodriguez.

**Video Link:** <https://www.bronxchildrensmuseum.org/db2o-judge>

**Age/Grade:** 7+ years old; 2nd-3rd Grades

### **Vocabulary**

<b>Diabetes</b>	A sickness where the body cannot control the amount of sugar in the blood
<b>Judge</b>	A person who has the power to make decisions on cases brought before a court of law
<b>Thrive</b>	To grow or develop successfully
<b>Supreme Court</b>	The highest court of law in a country or U.S. state

### **Tips for Success**

- Watch the film on your own before showing it to children; identify any words or images that may require additional information or explanation.
- Stop the video or replay certain moments to allow for questions or comments from the children.

### **Before You Watch...**

- Group Discussion Questions: Choose a few questions from the list below to ask your children. Keeping your questions open-ended will get your children speaking more and allow them to express themselves more than a simple “yes or no” question. Offer your own answer to the question as a way to model conversation!

- What makes you YOU? How are you different or similar to other kids your age?
- Think about a time when you had to overcome something very difficult in order to succeed. What made you keep trying?
- Do you have any role models in your life? Who are they, and how do they inspire you?

**After You Watch...**

- Want to learn more about Justice Sotomayor? Watch [Let’s Meet Justice Sonia Sotomayor!](#)
- Group Discussion Questions: Select a few questions to ask children about their experiences creating their self-portrait.
  - What was your favorite part of *A Judge Grows in the Bronx*? Why?
  - How are you similar to Sonia Sotomayor? What can you learn from her story?
  - What are your big dreams for the future? How will you accomplish them?

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