Cesar Chavez: Champion of Migrant Farm Workers
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Cesar Chavez was born in 1927. He lived in Yuma, Arizona, with his family. His grandfather had come to the U.S. from Mexico in 1880. He hoped for a better life for his family. Cesar’s father was a farmer. He worked hard to grow crops on his own land. He also ran the general store.

In 1937, the Chavez family did not have enough money to pay taxes on their land. So they lost their farm. The family was forced to move. The family became migrant farm workers. Migrant workers follow the crops. They go from place to place. Farm owners hire these workers to pick ripe fruit. Migrant farm work was hard. The farmers lived in shacks. They did not have running water. Some migrant workers lived in their pick-up trucks. Some children had to work and did not go to school. Other children changed schools many times. Cesar Chavez went to more than thirty schools in nine years.

Most of the farm workers spoke only Spanish. The farm owners spoke only English. It was hard for them to talk to each other. Cesar saw that some farm owners did not treat the workers well. The farm owners did not pay well. They did not give the workers a decent place to live.

Cesar grew up to be a leader of migrant farm workers. He helped them to learn to read and write in English. He helped them to become U.S. citizens. Cesar started a farm workers union. He led a strike against the farm owners. A strike is refusing to work until people do what you want. Cesar made the owners work with the union. Cesar used strikes and boycotts to help the workers. A boycott is when people refuse to buy something. The farm owners finally agreed to pay better wages. The owners also gave workers better housing. Cesar Chavez fought very hard to bring a better life to migrant farm workers.
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Cesar Chavez was born in 1927. He lived in Yuma, Arizona, with (his, bring, life) family. His grandfather had come to (ran, the, some) U.S. from Mexico in 1880. He (hoped, on, lost) for a better life for his (that, farm, family). Cesar's father was a farmer. He (a, worked, citizens) hard to grow crops on his (from, go, own) land. He also ran the general (his, come, store). In 1937, the Chavez family did not (of, the, have) enough money to pay taxes on (their, own, workers) land. So they lost their farm. (The, For, Father) family was forced to move. The (family, live, led) became migrant farm workers. Migrant workers (decent, follow, against) the crops. They go from place (to, grandfather, it) place. Farm owners hire these workers (years, better, to) pick ripe fruit. Migrant farm work (place, his, was) hard. The farmers lived in shacks. (To, They, Workers) did not have running water. Some (born, thirty, migrant) workers lived in their pick-up trucks. (Work, And, Some) children had to work and did (hard, not, a) go to school. Other children changed (schools, shacks, school) many times. Cesar Chavez went to (more, spanish, pay) than thirty schools in nine years. (Made, Most, Cesar) of the farm workers spoke only (and, farm, Spanish). The farm owners spoke only English. (Started, Move, It) was hard for them to talk (water, to, enough) each other. Cesar saw that some (give, farm, running) owners did not treat the workers (finally, well, owners). The farm owners did not pay (these, times, well). They did not give the workers (a, gave, wages) decent place to live.

Cesar grew (up, their, chavez) to be a leader of migrant (helped, farm, mexico) workers. He helped them to learn (to, grow, used) read and write in English. He (helped, boycott, crops) them to become U.S. citizens. (People, Cesar, They) started a farm workers union. He (general, work, led) a strike against the farm owners. (Pick-up, Lived, A) strike is refusing to work until (taxes, people, talk) do what you want. Cesar made (the, something, very) owners work with the union. Cesar (not, store, used) strikes and boycotts to help the (workers, went, them). A boycott is when people refuse (hire, to, money) buy something. The farm owners finally (each, agreed, more) to pay better wages. The owners (saw, also,
ripe) gave workers better housing. Cesar Chavez (refuse, until, fought) very hard to bring a better (life, other, farmer) to migrant farm workers.