

# JOSE READING

Includes 4 high interest passages, three days of reading response pages, and an extension activity for students to complete.

## Cesar Chavez

Cesar Chavez was born on March 31, 1927 near Yuma, Arizona. His family became migrant field workers during the Great Depression. Migrant field workers are people that move from town to town picking seasonal crops. The pay and living conditions were very poor for migrant workers. The farm owners did not provide water or bathrooms; migrant work was difficult and dangerous.

Cesar Chavez wanted to organize the migrant workers into a union to negotiate for better wages and working conditions. A labor union is a group of workers who join together to protect their rights and pay. In 1962, he co-founded a union called the National Farm Workers Association. He hoped that through peaceful protest he could bring change for America's farmworkers.

In 1965, grape pickers in California decided not to go to work, they organized a strike. A strike is a non-violent protest where workers refuse to work. Cesar Chavez asked Americans across the country to stop buying grapes to support their strike and they did. This is called a boycott. This boycott of grapes lasted for 5 years helped migrant workers win their fight for better pay.

Cesar Chavez fought for equal rights of migrant workers and Mexican American immigrants for the rest of his life. Every year, we celebrate Cesar Chavez on his birthday, March 31.

Passages include March Madness, St. Patrick's Day, Women's History Month, & Cesar Chavez.

**Cesar Chavez Extension Activity**



Scan here to watch a short video about Cesar Chavez.

Why do you think Cesar Chavez is a hero?

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**3rd Reading Cesar Chavez**

Why do you think that it is important for all Americans to be treated equally?

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What do you think Cesar Chavez's greatest accomplishments are?

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The author talks about strikes and boycotts as two ways to peacefully protest. What are some other ways

**1st Reading Cesar Chavez**

Where was Cesar Chavez born?

- Yuma, Arizona
- Mexico
- Los Angeles, California

What were the living and working conditions for migrant field workers like?

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Evidence From the text:

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What is paragraph 2 mostly about? Use evidence from the text.

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The main idea of this whole passage is \_\_\_\_\_

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**2nd Reading Cesar Chavez**

Define Migrant Worker:	What is a strike?
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What does the word boycott in paragraph 3 mean?

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Why or why not was the grape boycott a success? Use evidence from the text.

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When do we celebrate Cesar Chavez?

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# close READING

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Cesar Chavez fought for equal rights of migrant workers and Mexican American immigrants for the rest of his life. Every year, we celebrate Cesar Chavez on his birthday, March 31.

In paragraph 2, the author states that Cesar Chavez wanted to bring change. How did he want to do that?

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

What is a strike?

What does the word **boycott** in paragraph 3 mean?

Why or why not was the grape boycott a success? Use evidence from the text.

When do we celebrate Cesar Chavez?

Digital slides available for all four passages, reading response pages, and extension activities in Google Slides.

# CLOSE READING

*the* **THIRD** reading...

*the* **SECOND** reading...

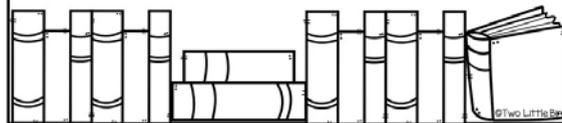
*the* **FIRST** reading...

*what is*  
**CLOSE READING?**

Close reading is careful and purposeful reading through rereading a short amount of text. When a student reads closely, they dig deep into the text through multiple readings that lead to deeper comprehension.

The first reading should focus on the main idea and details of the text. The second reading digs deeper and focuses on the vocabulary and text structure and the third reading dives deep into the student's comprehension by making inferences, determining theme, and studying the author's craft.

By reading closely, student will have a better understanding of the text, leading to deeper and more meaningful discussions of the text. Students learn to annotate the text, reread text for meaning, answer text dependent questions and respond to the text in writing.



**3<sup>rd</sup> Reading** Cesar Chavez

Why do you think that it is important for all Americans to be treated equally?

Answers will vary.

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**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** Cesar Chavez

Define: Migrant Worker: Migrant field workers are people that move from town to town picking seasonal.	What is a strike? A strike is a non-violent protest where workers refuse to work.
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**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** Cesar Chavez

Where was Cesar Chavez born? a. Yuma, Arizona b. Mexico c. Los Angeles, California	In paragraph 2, the author states that Cesar Chavez wanted to bring change. How did he want to do that? Cesar Chavez wanted to organize the migrant workers into a union to negotiate for better wages and working conditions.
What were the living and working conditions for migrant field workers like? The pay and living conditions were very poor for these workers.	What is paragraph 2 mostly about? Use evidence from the text. Cesar Chavez hoped that through peaceful protest he could bring change for America's farmworkers. He co-founded a union called the National Farm Workers Association.

The main idea of this whole passage is Cesar Chavez fought for equal rights for migrant farm workers and Mexican Americans immigrants.

Close reading tips for each reading

Answer keys included