



Read the biography passage carefully. Then answer each question below in complete sentences.

Look for key facts about the person's early life, achievements, and impact. Use details from the passage to support your answers.

Dolores Huerta: The Voice of Farmworkers



Have you ever heard the rallying cry, "Sí, se puede!" which means "Yes, we can!"? This powerful phrase was popularized by Dolores Huerta, a tireless advocate for farmworkers' rights and social justice, whose work changed lives across America.

Dolores Clara Fernandez Huerta was born in Dawson, New Mexico, in 1930, but spent much of her childhood in Stockton, California. Her mother, a businesswoman, often helped farmworkers and their families, teaching Dolores early lessons about community service and standing up for others. This upbringing sparked her lifelong commitment to fighting for fairness and equality for all.

In 1962, Dolores co-founded the United Farm Workers (UFW) with César Chávez. Together, they organized farmworkers, many of whom were Mexican Americans and immigrants, to demand better wages, safer working conditions, and basic human dignity. Huerta was a brilliant negotiator and organizer, helping to secure the first collective bargaining agreements for farmworkers in U.S. history, which improved conditions for thousands.

Huerta faced many challenges, including harsh opposition from powerful agricultural companies, discrimination, and even physical attacks. During a peaceful protest in San Francisco in 1988, she was severely beaten by police, resulting in serious internal



injuries. Despite these dangers and personal sacrifices, she never stopped advocating for those who picked the food we eat.

Today, Dolores Huerta is celebrated as a living legend and a pioneer of the labor and civil rights movements. Her enduring motto, "Sí, se puede," continues to inspire new generations to fight for justice and equality, reminding us that one person's voice, when joined with others, can truly change the world for the better.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

(1) Where did Dolores Huerta spend much of her childhood?

- A New Mexico B California C Texas D Arizona

(2) Dolores Huerta co-founded the United Farm Workers (UFW) with _____.

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(3) In the passage, what does the word "advocate" mean?

- A A person who gives up easily B A person who argues against something
- C A person who publicly supports or recommends a particular cause or policy
- D A person who manages a business

(4) Why do you think Dolores Huerta continued her activism even after facing severe opposition and physical attacks? Use details from the passage to support your answer.



(5) How has Dolores Huerta's work and motto, "Sí, se puede," impacted people today? What can we learn from her life?

