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### Cesar Chavez:

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<b>Word Bank:</b>	strikes boycott	chemicals pesticides	union jail	read migrant	UFW Arizona
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Cesar Chavez (March 31, 1927 - April 23, 1993) was a Mexican-American labor leader who used non-violent methods to fight for the rights of \_\_\_\_\_ farm workers in the southwestern USA. Migrant farm workers are people who do farm labor, moving from farm to farm and from town to town as their work is needed. It is difficult work that pays very little and can be dangerous due to the use of \_\_\_\_\_ (chemicals that kill bugs and can make people sick).

Chavez was born in San Luis, \_\_\_\_\_. When Cesar was 10 years old, his parents became migrant farm workers after losing their family farm. As a youth, Cesar worked part-time in the farm fields with his family in Arizona and in California as they moved from farm to farm, harvesting the fields. Cesar served in the US Navy during World War 2. When Cesar Chavez returned from the war, he labored as a farm worker in California. Chavez married Helen Fabela in 1948; they eventually had 8 children.

Chavez and his wife taught Mexican immigrants how to \_\_\_\_\_ and organized voting registration drives for new US citizens. He joined an organization that worked for the rights of farm workers. In 1962, Chavez started his own \_\_\_\_\_ (a workers' rights group), the National Farm Workers Association (NFWA). The name of the union was changed to the United Farm Workers (the \_\_\_\_\_) in 1974. The union organized many farm worker \_\_\_\_\_, (when workers refuse to work until improved working conditions and salary demands are met) resulting in many bitter and violent fights between the grape growers and the farm workers. Chavez and many union people were arrested and sent to \_\_\_\_\_ in the struggle. Some agreements were made between the farm workers union and the growers, but in order to force growers to further improve farm worker conditions, Chavez organized a nation-wide lettuce boycott.

In 1968, Chavez organized a five-year "grape \_\_\_\_\_," a movement that urged people to stop buying California grapes until farm workers had contracts insuring better pay and safer working conditions. After a lifetime of valiantly fighting for social justice, Chavez died in 1993 of natural causes at the age of 66.

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19__	Chavez is born in the state of _____
1937	Chavez's parents lose their farm
1942	Chavez starts full-time farm work
1962	Chavez forms Nat'l. Farm Workers Assoc.
1965	Grape strike and boycott began
1969	Pesticide use is regulated.
19__	United Farm Workers (UFW) formed
1975	Use of the short-handled hoe banned
1993	Chavez _____
19__	Chavez gets Presidential Medal of Freedom

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1. Color California red.
2. Color Arizona yellow.
3. Color the rest of the USA pink.
4. Outline your state in purple.
5. Color Mexico green.
6. Color the oceans blue.