



I Dissent: Ruth Bader Ginsburg Makes Her Mark

READ ALOUD GUIDE

Themes: Activism, Courage, Equality, Justice, Resilience

Book Brief: This biographical picture book highlights Supreme Court justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg's lifelong fight against inequality and unfair treatment. It focuses on her famous dissents, showcasing how she consistently stood up for justice and what was right for people everywhere, earning her the title "Notorious RBG."

Author:
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Illustrator:
Elizabeth Baddeley

BEFORE READING

The Cover: Have students make predictions about the story based on the cover.

The Pictures: Take a brief picture walk and ask students what they notice about Ruth.

Prior Knowledge: Ask students, "Have you ever disagreed with someone about something important? How did you share your thoughts and feelings?"

Vocabulary: Frontload Tier 2 words using the accompanying [Vocabulary Guide](#).

Purpose for Reading: "While reading we will learn how Ruth used her voice to stand up for fairness and equality, even when it was hard. We'll see how disagreement can help make things better for everyone."

DURING READING

Check for understanding & make connections:

- How did Ruth's mom promote learning and being independent?
- How did Ruth protest in elementary school?
- Why did Ruth go to the Supreme Court?
- Explain the significance of the collar?

AFTER READING

Our Purpose: How did Ruth's disagreements create equality?

Extending Our Thinking: Using [RIF's Writing Template](#), have students create "disagree and agree" charts with examples of things that aren't fair and ways they could make them better. Students can share their thoughts on how they can stand up for what's right in their everyday lives.

If your students enjoyed this book...

- Encourage them to continue to discuss it and refer to it in other lessons and conversations.
- Let them explore more about Women's History with the [Women's History Month Collection](#).