

# CÉSAR CHAVEZ

TEST DATE:

## WORKERS' RIGHTS



- ◆ Cesar Chavez was born in Yuma, Arizona and grew up knowing how hard life was for farm workers.
- ◆ When he was 17, he joined the U.S. Navy.
- ◆ Chavez worked with the Community Service Organization (CSO), a group that worked for the **justice** (fair treatment under the law) of all people. Chavez helped thousands of people from Mexico become U.S. citizens. He believed that Mexican-Americans should have the same rights as all Americans.
- ◆ He started a labor union to help farm workers win recognition of their rights. A **labor union** can make employers give their workers better pay and working conditions.
- ◆ Boycotts (refusal to use/buy certain goods), **strikes** (refusal to work), and marches were all nonviolent actions that were ways to express workers' rights.
- ◆ In 1966, Chavez helped form the United Farm Workers (UFW).
- ◆ President Bill Clinton awarded Chavez the Presidential Medal of Freedom for his work fighting for the justice of all Americans.

In addition, be prepared to:

- Refer to a simple timeline of Chavez's life using the facts and dates that will be provided.
- Choose and explain evidence of one character trait that Chavez showed. - cooperation, diligence, courage, or leadership.

