Separate is never equal: Sylvia Mendez and her family’s fight for desegregation

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Annotation
Years before the landmark U.S. Supreme Court ruling Brown v. Board of Education, Sylvia Mendez, an eight-year-old girl of Mexican and Puerto Rican heritage, played an instrumental role in Mendez v. Westminster, the landmark desegregation case of 1946 in California.

Grade Level
K-3

Topic
Racial Diversity; Race discrimination; racism; prejudice; segregation

Main Character
girl

Race/Ethnicities
Mexican American

Family Formation
mother and father

LGBTQ+
none

Awards
100 Magnificent Children’s Books, 2014
Almost 10 years before Brown vs. Board of Education, Sylvia Mendez and her family's fight for desegregation eventually brought an end to the era of segregated education in California. Praise for Separate is Never Equal...