

Sample Answers

BIOGRAPHY

Ruth Bader Ginsburg

Directions: Answer the questions below. Use text evidence to support your answers.

1. What is the main idea of the text? Write it in your own words.

The text outlines the life and accomplishments of Ruth Bader Ginsburg as a lawyer and U.S. Supreme Court judge. She fought for women's rights.

2. Describe an obstacle that Ruth Bader Ginsburg faced in her career and how she overcame it.

She was rejected from a clerkship job because she was a woman. She overcame this obstacle by finding another job with a New York judge.

3. Find a quote from the text that supports the following statement:

Ruth Bader Ginsburg was an influential U.S. jurist because she fought against gender discrimination.

"In 1970, she co-founded the *Women's Rights Law Reporter*, the first law journal in the U.S. to focus on women's rights."

"One of the most important Supreme Court cases she wrote the majority opinion for was the *United States v. Virginia* landmark case, which held that the Virginia Military Institute could not refuse to accept women."

4. Choose a detail from the text and explain why you think it is important.

Student answers will vary.

5. What inference could you make about Ruth's character based on the following sentence?

There (at Harvard University), Ruth was one of only nine female students in a class of five hundred.

She must be a very bold, smart, and brave person to be one of so few women in the university at that time.