

Family IDEA Committee Book Group

Book of Month:

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Where to find it:

- SWS Library
- Sora (eBook)
- DC Public Library

Ketanji: Justice Jackson's Journey to the U.S. Supreme Court has themes of Women's History, African Culture, Black Joy, politics, equality, creating change, perseverance, representation, and activism.



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Think About It:

Ketanji Brown Jackson's parents gave her a name with a special meaning. What does her name mean, and why do you think names are important? Do you know the meaning or story behind your own name?

What qualities do you think make a successful Supreme Court Justice? How does Ketanji Brown Jackson show these qualities?

Why is representation important in leadership positions like the Supreme Court? How might Ketanji's experiences shape her work as a Supreme Court Justice?

The book quotes Jackson as saying, "It has taken two hundred and thirty-two years... but we've made it." What is she referring to? Why is it important that "we've made it"?

Ketanji had to work hard to reach her goals. Have you ever faced a challenge that required persistence? How did you overcome it? What was the outcome?

Do Something:

Justice Jackson was a national debate champion in high school. Pick a topic that's important to you and write an opening statement, arguments, and a closing statement for both sides of the issue.

Visit the Supreme Court Building. Ponder what it might feel like to stand in the courtroom where important decisions are made.

On Sora search for "*Ketanji Jackson*" and explore other biographies written about her.

Reflect on the SWS March Community Meeting question: *When you make a mistake (like all people do) how do you comfort and encourage yourself?*