

Historical Heroes: César Chávez

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César Chávez was born in Arizona in 1923. When his family lost their farm during the Great Depression, they packed up their things and began moving from farm to farm, looking for whatever work they could find. César was forced to quit school after eighth grade and work to support the family.

When he grew up, Chávez decided to help other farm workers like himself. He helped found the United Farm Workers, a union that fought for safe working conditions and better wages. In 1988, Chávez completed a 36-day fast in protest of the dangerous and difficult work conditions on the farms.

Word scramble!

Unscramble the letters to form the word that completes the sentence.

- Chávez also helped Mexican _____ farm workers to learn to speak English. MIGIMTRAN
- _____ farm workers do not live in one place. They move on to a new farm whenever work runs out. ANIGRTM
- Cesar Chavez founded United Farm Workers with fellow activist Dolores _____. UHRTAE

3. HUERTA

2. MIGRANT

1. IMMIGRANT

Answers: