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Who was he? Cesar Chavez was a Latino Civil Rights leader who spent his life improving working conditions for farm workers.

Describe his childhood. Chavez was born in Arizona. He left school after the eighth grade and did agricultural work full-time to help support his family. He was a migrant worker in California, meaning that he moved around, following the work. While laboring in fields, orchards, and vineyards during his youth and into adulthood, he saw firsthand the difficult and unfair working conditions that farm workers faced.

Key Events: Chavez starts to work for the San Jose chapter of the Community Service Organization (CSO), the most prominent Latino civil rights group of its time. He leaves the CSO to found the National Farm Workers Association. His first major action was to strike against grape farmers (the Grape Workers March). Gov. Jerry Brown, California passed the landmark Agricultural Labor Relations Act of 1975. This was the nation's first and still the only law guaranteeing farm workers the right to organize, choose their own union representative and negotiate with their employers.

Interesting Facts: will vary