

Sojourner Truth

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Sojourner Truth

American Women's Rights Activist

- Sojourner Truth was an African American evangelist, abolitionist, women's rights activist and author who lived a miserable life as a slave.
- She served several masters throughout New York before escaping to freedom in 1826.
- Sojourner Truth was born with the name Isabella Baumfree.
- She was born in 1797 to slave parents in Ulster County, New York.
- Around age nine, she was sold at a slave auction to John Neely for \$100, along with a flock of sheep.
- John Neely was a violent and cruel slave master who beat her regularly.
- She was sold two more times by the age of 13.
- Sojourner Truth bore five children.
- Sojourner Truth was promised her freedom on July 4, 1826 by her owner "if she would do well and be faithful." When the date arrived, he had a change of heart and refused to let her go. She completed what she felt was her obligation to her owner, and walked away.
- Sojourner Truth helped recruit black soldiers during the Civil War.
- After gaining her freedom, she preached about abolitionism and equal rights for all.
- Her most famous speech is called "Ain't I a Woman?", which she delivered at a women's convention in Ohio in 1851.
- She continued speaking out about freedom and abolitionism for the rest of her life, even speaking in front of President Abraham Lincoln.
- Sojourner Truth became one of the world's best known human rights crusaders.



Sojourner Truth Quotes

- Life is a hard battle anyway. If we laugh and sing a little as we fight the good fight of freedom, it makes it all go easier. I will not allow my life's light to be determined by the darkness around me.
- If the first woman God ever made was strong enough to turn the world upside down all alone, these women together ought to be able to turn it back, and get it right side up again! And now they is asking to do it, the men better let them.
- And ain't I a woman? Look at me! Look at my arm! I have ploughed and planted, and gathered into barns, and no man could head me! And ain't I a woman? I could work as much and eat as much as a man - when I could get it - and bear the lash as well! And ain't I a woman? I have borne thirteen children, and seen most all sold off to slavery, and when I cried out with my mother's grief, none but Jesus heard me! And ain't I a woman?
- Because of them I can now live the dream. I am the seed of the free, and I know it. I intend to bear great fruit.
 - I feel safe in the midst of my enemies, for the truth is all powerful and will prevail.
- When I left the house of bondage I left everything behind. I wasn't going to keep nothing of Egypt on me, an' so I went to the Lord an' asked him to give me a new name. And he gave me Sojourner because I was to travel up and down the land showing the people their sins and bein' a sign unto them. I told the Lord I wanted two names 'cause everybody else had two, and the Lord gave me Truth, because I was to declare the truth to the people.
- If women want any rights more than they's got, why don't they just take them, and not be talking about it?



Sojourner Truth Questions

Fill in the blanks.

1. Sojourner Truth was an _____ American evangelist, abolitionist, _____'s rights activist and _____.
2. She was sold _____ more times by the age of 13.
3. Sojourner Truth is one of the world's best known _____ rights crusaders.
4. After gaining her _____, she preached about abolitionism and _____ rights for all.
5. She escaped to freedom in _____.
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10. Her most famous speech is called "Aint I a _____?"
11. She spoke in front of President _____.
12. Around age nine, she was sold at a slave auction for _____ dollars.

Sojourner Truth Word Scramble

Unscramble the words below.

1. rSojorneu

2. ruthT

3. iarcAnf

4. carmnAei

5. agvnEtsile

6. ibAttisInioo

7. Wmnose

8. thiRgs

9. ictsAtvi

10. Saelv

11. rdmoeFe

12. ncLnloi

13. aesrsdCur

14. alquE

15. anumH

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Find all the words!

Z Y A D P N S M O O A H P E V A L S O G
O N U J L R N K O W R G D W W D Y Z I X
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S A H F L A D E T Y P Q R H F Q M E A O
X J B D D A M B Z O E N H U C S H O R W
P R A Y G A C F T U J K S Y Z Y Q I A X

Sojourner
Truth
African
American
Evangelist

Abolitionist
Womens
Rights
Activist
Slave

Freedom
Lincoln
Crusaders
Equal
Human

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11. She spoke in front of President __Abraham__ __Lincoln__.
12. Around age nine, she was sold at a slave auction for __100__ dollars.