



Read the biography passage carefully. Then answer each question below in complete sentences.

Look for key facts about the person's early life, achievements, and impact. Use details from the passage to support your answers.

Sojourner Truth: The Unwavering Voice of Justice



Imagine a woman who escaped slavery and then dedicated her life to fighting for the freedom and rights of others! That was Sojourner Truth, a truly powerful speaker and an unwavering activist for justice.

Born Isabella Baumfree around 1797 in Ulster County, New York, she was enslaved for the first 29 years of her life, enduring the harsh realities of forced labor and the pain of being separated from her children. Despite never receiving a formal education, her deep sense of justice and spiritual conviction began to grow during these difficult years.

In 1826, Isabella bravely escaped to freedom with her infant daughter. After a spiritual awakening, she changed her name to Sojourner Truth in 1843, believing God called her to travel and speak the truth. She became a renowned abolitionist, speaking passionately against slavery, and a fierce advocate for women's rights. Her most famous speech, "Ain't I a Woman?", delivered in 1851, powerfully used her experiences to argue for the equality of Black women.

Sojourner Truth faced immense prejudice as both a Black woman and a former slave in 19th-century America. She traveled extensively, often alone, speaking to large, sometimes hostile, crowds. Despite threats, discrimination, and physical hardships, she never wavered from her mission, driven by her deep faith and unshakeable belief in human dignity and equal rights for all.



Sojourner Truth's unwavering voice and courageous actions helped shape the crucial movements for abolition and women's suffrage in the United States. Her powerful words continue to resonate today, motivating people to fight for justice and equality. She reminds us that even against great odds, one person's commitment to truth can make a profound and lasting difference in the world.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

(1) What was Sojourner Truth's birth name?

- (A) Isabella Baumfree (B) Harriet Tubman (C) Rosa Parks (D) Mary Jones

(2) Sojourner Truth changed her name in the year _____.

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(3) In the passage, what does the word "abolitionist" mean?

- (A) A person who supported slavery
- (B) A person who fought for women's voting rights
- (C) A person who worked to end slavery (D) A person who traveled a lot

(4) Why do you think Sojourner Truth continued her mission despite facing "immense prejudice" and "hostile crowds"? Use details from the passage to support your answer.



(5) How has Sojourner Truth's work changed the world, and what can we learn from her life today?

